# **BEAUTY ABOUNDS AT LAKE BERRYESSA**

Margaret David Bailey, Park Manager

If you are in the know, one of your favorite hangouts right now is Lake Berrvessa Located in Napa County, Lake Berryessa provides access points to facilities via Hwy 128 and Knoxville Road.

From October to May, Lake Berryessa offers the best opportunity to observe the changing seasons, comfortable temperatures, wide open spaces and several thousand acres of land and water to explore and enjoy. Birding, bicycling, walking, kayaking, swimming, photography, or picnicking are a few of the many activities you can enjoy.

Lake Berryessa is within the Pacific Flyway and some of the best birding in the area is right here. There are resident bald and golden eagles and osprey that can easily be viewed around the Lake.

Our location in the Coast Range offers a variety of habitats including oak woodlands, grassslands, mixed chaparral, lake and riparian vegetation types. Three permanent waterways, Capell, Pope and Putah Creeks flow into the lake creating a diversity of upland and riparian habitats to a wide variety of birds.

The Bureau of Reclamations managed facilities include the Dufer Point Visitor Center: the Oak Shores, Smittle Creek and Eticuera Day Use Areas; and the Capell Cove Boat Launch. For information, please call 707-966-2111 or visit www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/berryessa. Concession operated facilities include:

• Pleasure Cove Marina provides day use, camping, boat launching, boat rentals, house boating, lodging and a full-service marina with wet slips, fueling and pump-out services. Additionally, for the 2016 recreation season Pleasure Cove LLC will provide boat launching, day use and tent camping at Steele Canyon Recreation Area under an interim contract. For information, please call 707-966-9600 or visit www.goberryessa.com.

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• Spanish Flat Partners provide tent and RV camping, day use, and an RV dump station for the 2016 recreation season at the Spanish Flat Recreation Area. For information, please call 707-066-0200 or visit www.spanishflatcamping.com.

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# Beautiful Lake Berryessa is OPEN! (It never closed.)

Winter brings some of the best hiking weather to the area and there are miles of trails available. Several launch ramps are open for hardy boaters and anglers. Oak Shores Day Use Area is great for picnics and viewing the lake and wildlife. After touring around the lake and stopping at local wineries like Rustridge and Nichelini, a wide variety of food and drink is available at Cucina Italiana. Spanish Flat Country Store & Deli, Turtle Rock, and Steele Canvon Saloon and Pizza. Delve into the fascinating past of the Town of Monticello, now at the bottom of the lake, by visiting the Berryessa Valley History Exhibit.



The Roads Are Great!

An added car, motorcycle, and bicycle touring bonus is that all the main roads to the lake have been repayed - Hwy 128 from Silverado Trail, Hwy 121 from Napa, Hwy 128 from Winters, and Knoxville Road along the west shore.

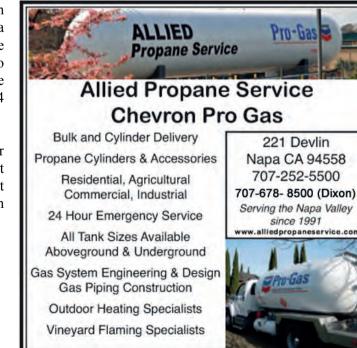
Bicycle, motorcycle, and auto touring have never been smoother. A trip to the Napa Valley is not complete without the short drive to Lake Berryessa!

One day at Steele Canyon Pizza a man ordered a small pizza to go. He appeared to be alone so the cook asked him if he would like it cut into 4 pieces or 6.

He thought about it for some time then said, "Just cut it into 4 pieces; I don't think I'm hungry enough to eat 6 pieces."

They Walk Among Us!

And they vote!





By Peter Kilkus During the past three decades. many local residents and businesses, including me and the Lake Berryessa News, have proposed that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) take over management of Lake Berryessa. Due to the Bureau of Reclamation's (BOR) questionable past job of managing the lake resorts, people thought that the BLM, which has public recreation as one of its objectives, might do a better iob.

Congressman Mike Thompson previously introduced a bill to do just that. HR 4166: Lake Berryessa Recreation Enhancement Act of 2014. This controversial bill was rejected by Congress back in 2014 for good reasons. Ironically, it was Congressman Thompson who, more than ten years ago and despite more than 10,000 signatures to the contrary. was instrumental in working behind the scenes to support the BOR in the actions which brought about ghost lake we see now.

introduced the same bill as H.R.4521 -Berryessa Lake Enhancement Act of 2016. Before anyone decides to support Thompson's new bill, they should ask several questions.

who were responsible for the previous problems are no longer with Reclamation. and management has shown that it understands the causes of the previous disaster, and has shown good faith and modest results during the last 2 years, why change now? Several responses to the latest bid prospectus are under review by Reclamation with results to be announced "soon".

were required to implement questionable BOR policies, they are gone. BOR senior managers in the present Lake Berryessa chain of



Your Information Gateway to Lake Berryessa and our Napa Back Roads!

February, 2016

# Management of Lake Berryessa: Bureau of Reclamation or Bureau of Land Management?

But Thompson has just re-Recreation

Since most of the BOR managers the present

Although previous BOR managers

command have stated that they understand what went wrong with the previous process and are determined to do it right this time. Since the Bid Prospectus review process is well underway and actually seems to be being done right this time, the basic question why change now?

Since the BOR and the BLM are both part of the Department of the Interior, what would actually be different about the present planning process after this management change?

For those of you who have been around Lake Berryessa for many years, you may recall that BLM was offered the opportunity to take over management of the lake back in 2001. Of course, at that time the process of writing the new Visitor Services Plan, aimed at eliminating the mobile homes at the resorts and replacing the owners of those resorts, was just beginning. BLM had no interest in taking on such complex and controversial а responsibility

Although not an easy task, reintroducing such a beautiful family destination to the millions of people with nearby access to it is a matter for positive and imaginative marketing efforts. Several marketing plans have been developed over the years, including creating closer relationships with the rest of Napa County's hospitality industry. I, the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce, and others found that the Napa Valley business community was very receptive to including Lake Berryessa in their visitor programs. Recent meetings with Visit Napa Valley, the primary tourist outreach organization, have been very positive and plans are in the works to build on VNV programs to help create a "Renaissance Lake Bervressa"

Shouldn't the BOR be allowed to complete the new bid/contract process creating a revitalized Lake Berryessa recreation destination of value to the public and to the local community?

Although there may be valid arguments on both sides of this question, are the supposed benefits of a major bureaucratic change like this worth the effort, and the risks? There appears to be no compelling reason to rush into this, but several substantial concerns that should be answered first.

#### **Can Capell Valley School Become a Community Park?**

The Napa Valley Unified School District (NVUSD) Board in January. 2016 approved a recommendation to sell five School District properties. One of the properties is the closed Capell Valley Elementary School site near Lake Berryessa at 1192 Capell Valley Road in Napa County.

This school sits on 5.03 acres and has its own water supply. It has newer restrooms, playground equipment and a grass soccer field. It also has a baseball field, blacktop area with basketball courts, shaded lunch area and a community garden. This garden has most recently been used to grow produce for low income families and seniors in the Lake Berryessa area.

The site sits within 15 minutes of the two largest housing areas near the Lake. The Berryessa Highlands and



Circle Oaks subdivisions contain many homes with room for new building. The site is within 5 minutes of one of two mobile parks in the lake area, Capell Valley Estates, having 65 homes. The site is also within 30 minutes of the Berryessa Pines subdivision and surrounded by numerous individual property owners and homes.

In 2010 when Capell Valley School was slated for closure a group of concerned citizens formed to explore the possibility of a community center at the closed school site. It would be a great site for activities such as sports recreation, meetings, public garden. homework club all the typical activities of a park/community center.

The School Board accepted a recommendation from the community park advocates that the Capell site before sale, be offered to any interested parties in regards to its Park potential.

Park advocates hope at this time that the Napa County Board of Supervisors intervene in the efforts to obtain the Capell Valley School site as a new Napa County park.

Lake Berryessa has been hard hit economically. This park would be a win on so many fronts for the citizens of not only Lake Berryessa but the entire County of Napa.



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### More Taxes - Less Access? Regional Park & Open Space District

It is interesting to note that the Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars of County funds donated by the Board of Supervisors, yet has produced few properties accessible to the average Napa County resident.

An example at Lake Berryessa is a landlocked "park" called Berryessa Vista at the top of the hill across from the Capell Launch Ramp you can only get to by boat. It has never been used since they bought it more than 6 years ago.

But according to an article in the Napa Valley Register on Feb. 16th the Supervisors and RPOSD do not seem inclined to create a park at the old Capell Valley School site that could actually be used by thousands of real people in an unincorporated area that has been hard hit by government policies that forced the closure of the Capell School in the first place.

And now RPOSD is launching a campaign to raise the Napa County sales tax by a quarter cent to finance their budget!

On another front, the District intends to open Camp Berryessa this year on public land overseen by the Bureau of Reclamation that was previously home to a Boy Scouts camp. The outdoor education camp along Putah Creek will be used by students, nonprofit groups and families.

A grant for \$50,000 to help with construction was provided by the Mead Foundation, together with a \$1.7 million grant from the State Coastal Construction was Conservancy. complete as of early December, and a Notice of Completion filed in early January 2016.

The Forest Trails Alliance crew building Tuleyome's Berryessa North End Trail will be staying at the camp for several months starting in early February. A soft opening is expected in late spring minutes with no luck so I moved on to the 2016.

#### Rte 128 Capell Creek Bridge **Replacement Project**

Capell Creek Bridge and to install lake. horizontal drains in the vicinity of the bridge, located at post mile (PM) 20.23 State Route (SR) 128 on unincorporated Napa County. SR 128 ten minutes more and tried top water at

as Capell Valley Road. It is a north-south towards the Ranch House and again saw two-lane undivided conventional no indication of fish. highway. The new bridge structure will existing bridge.

This project proposes to address the stability of the adjacent hillside and deterioration of the structural elements of the Capell Creek Bridge. Earth movement in the hillside adjacent to Capell Creek Bridge has exerted loads of unknown magnitude on the bridge.

constructed first. The existing Capell Creek Bridge will then be demolished. It was built in 1956 and is a reinforced with one lane in each direction

continuous-welded steel girders with reinforced concrete slabs on top, two reinforced concrete column bents, and two reinforced concrete "U" abutments. Foundations are 45-ton driven steel pipe piles, ranging in depth length from 14 feet to 60 feet.

The construction is scheduled to begin in early 2019, continuing for two construction seasons for a total of eight months

The full initial report is available for viewing at the Napa Main Library (580 Coombs Street) or online at www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/envdocs.htm

#### Fishing With Sid at Lake Berrvessa - 2/18/16

On Monday I took Lloyd and his son Blake out for a day of fishing. Lloyd had requested to learn some of the key spots on the lake for catching bass so that was our agenda for the day. I set up two rods for trolling one with a blue and silver Speed Trap lure and one with a fire tiger Speed Trap lure.

It was a beautiful sunny day with a little breeze on the main lake. The water was stained with about a one foot deep visibility. We fished for about thirty back of the Monticello Ski School. My intention was to show Lloyd where the minnows hide in the grass and the bass follow the minnows. But that area was all Caltrans proposes to replace the dry as we turned to troll out to the main

> Lloyd hooked up with his first fish which was about a 1.5 pound bass - now in we were getting excited. We trolled about

within the project limits is also referred to the same time with no luck. I moved on

I kept going north at full speed be constructed at the same location as the looking for any signs that would indicate fish in the area. While Lloyd and Blake were having their lunch I drove to the back of Big Island to the farthest point which was pretty shallow. Llovd hooked his second bass there so we staved for awhile. Sure enough he landed another nice bass drop shooting in 2 to 5 feet of water.

Heading back towards the Bureau of A 2-lane replacement bridge will be Reclamation we fished parallel to the shore line. The wind was picking up and would push me from 4 feet deep out to 12 feet so I was moving the boat back concrete/steel girder three-span bridge towards the shore line. All of a sudden Llovd gets smacked in about 3 feet of The bridge consists of two water. His rod is completely bowed and he is reeling like crazy with a huge grin on his face. He hands the rod to his son so he can share in the moment too.

The bass was about 7 pounds with a good size girth. After taking pictures with their catch they released the bass so it could keep growing. That ended our day on a very happy note.

'til next time......good fishing!!! www.fishingconnection.net If you have any questions or stories you would like to share or are interested in booking a guided fishing trip please email me at bestguide@hotmail.com or call me at 650-583-3333.

# NAPALACHIA

**Music at Turtle Rock** 

Saturday, March 5 at 7 PM Patrick, Larry & Alex Guitar, Keyboard & Saxophone

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We hope to see you there!

# Berrvessa Lions Club 3rd **Annual St Patrick's Day Feast**

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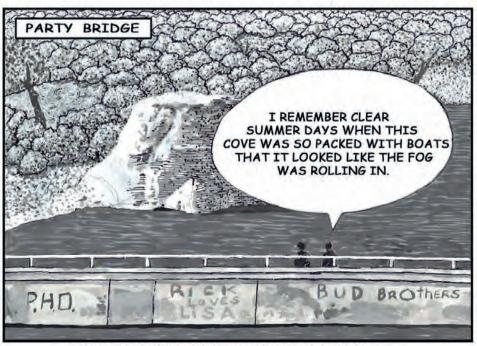
Cocktails - 6 PM

Dinner - 6 PM to 8:30 PM

**Pre-Paid Reservations Recommended Since This Event Is** Usually A Sellout

Call Turtle Rock: 707-966-2246

# by Bill Scholer



... and even the Sheriffs on jet skis started getting the munchies!

To the right of this article is a list of Lake Berryessa information resources. If you look at this list on the Lake Berryessa News web site, the web site link can be immediately reached by clicking on the highlighted URL. But the web site address on a printed page must be hand entered into your web browser to access the information unless there is a printed OR code available.

Then you can use a smartphone's camera and a Code Scanner application to read any bar code on any object. including QR codes, and jump directly to that web site.

A OR code (short for Quick Response) is a specific matrix barcode or two dimensional code. The code consists of black modules arranged in a square pattern on a white background. The information encoded can be text, URL, or other data.

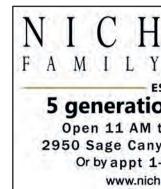
Common in Japan, where it was created by Toyota subsidiary in 1994, the QR code is one of the most popular types of two dimensional barcodes. OR is the abbreviation for Quick Response, as the creator intended the code to allow its contents to be decoded at high speed.

Although initially used for tracking parts in vehicle manufacturing, OR codes are now used in a much broader context, including both commercial tracking applications and convenience-oriented applications aimed at mobile phone users (termed mobile tagging).

QR codes can be used to display text to the user, to add a vCard contact to the user's device, to open a Uniform Resource Identifier (URL) or to compose an email or text message. Users can also generate and print their own QR codes for others to scan and use by visiting one of several free QR code generating sites. QR codes storing addresses and Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) may appear in magazines, on signs, buses, business cards, or almost any object about which users might need information.

or object hyperlinking.

To show the outside world that Lake Berryessa has kept up with the modern world of social networking and applications of high tech software, I have created OR codes for the Lake Berryessa News and a few other advertisers and web sites. Try it out on the codes I printed next to the information resource in the box to the right.



# **OR Codes For Information Retrieval**

Users with a camera phone equipped with the correct reader application can scan the image of the QR code to display text, contact information, connect to a wireless network, or open a web page in the phone's browser. This act of linking from physical world objects is termed hardlinking

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# **Bureau of Reclamation Information Page:**

www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/berryessa/index.html

# **BOR Lake Berryessa Visitor Information:**

www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/berryessa/visitor-info.html

# **BOR Lake Berryessa Recreation Opportunities:**

www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/berryessa/rec-opp.html

# **Bureau of Reclamation Media Library**

www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/berryessa/media-library.html

# **Markley Cove Resort:**

www.markleycoveresort.com

**Pleasure Cove Marina:** 

www.goberryessa.com

# **Spanish Flat Recreation Area:**

www.spanishflatcamping.com

# **Steele Canyon Recreation Area:**

www.goberryessa.com/campground-at-steele-canyon

# **Putah Canyon Recreation Area**

www.royalelkparkmanagement.com/Lake Berryessa.html





















# Lake Berryessa Information Resources

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# by Garv Howes Guns and Gunsmiths Editor

Protection for Hunters and Recreational Shooters

According to the National Shooting Sports Foundation, in 2015 there were 5,696 injuries to hunters. These injuries are not all gunshot wounds and include falls from tree stands for example. In addition there are probably a number of accidental shooting injuries to shooters who were not hunting, but that is a harder number to obtain. The point is, you can get injured hunting and shooting, and unfortunately these injuries usually occur well away from the nearest hospital

Despite that, hunting is one of the safest sports there is. The NSSF report also shows that cheerleading is about 30 times more likely to result in injury. People who cheerlead while hunting must be at high risk!

I always believe in being as prepared as possible for any emergency, and one thing I carry in my car and in my bug out bag is a first aid kit. But recently I started thinking, how effective are those little sticky strips and packets of pain pills going to be if I or a companion had a shooting or other serious accident either at the range or even worse, while camping or hunting miles from help? I always carry my InReach satellite emergency notification device, but it could still be hours before anyone could reach me.

Most accidental gunshot wounds are not immediately fatal, but can inflict very serious damage and can become fatal if not treated properly and quickly. That's where a proper trauma kit can save a life where a plaster adhesive strip can't.

So it was very fortuitous that I came across the Tactical Medical Solutions booth at the SHOT Show this vear (www.tmsoutdoors.com) Their employees are former Special

Operations Medics, Green Berets or have a close relationship with them and have years you save may be mine!

of operational and medical experience under some of the most harsh conditions. Their products are carried and used by the US Army Green Berets Navy SEALS, NYPD LAPD, Dallas PD, the US DEA, US Marshals Service, FBI and US Border Patrol amongst thousands of others around the world.

As if they had read my mind, they now also have a line of trauma kits designed for hunters and outdoorsmen under the brand name TMS Outdoors. They kindly sent me one of their kits to review-the Hunter's Operator Advanced Trauma Kit, designed to mirror the same IFAK (Individual First Aid Kit) carried in Iraq and Afghanistan. asked my shooting partner Peter if he would let me shoot him in the arm and the chest so I could test the kit properly, but for some reason he declined. So I can only give you a review of the contents and quality of the kit, and wait until he is not looking before I can do a full test.

The kit comes in a very sturdy pouch with straps on the back that are MOLLE compatible, or could be used on your belt backpack, or strapped to an ATV. They come in a selection of colors, mine in blaze orange and the construction is very heavy duty-this kit should last a long time even under adverse conditions. Inside is a full compliment of the items and bandages needed to give immediate first aid for arterial bleeding, venous bleeding, sucking chest wounds, and includes a bandage with a clotting agent, as well as a small sub kit for minor cuts and injuries. Also included is a pair of non-latex gloves and an instruction sheet. Everything seems to be the highest quality, sterile, and very well packaged.

The kits are available directly from their website, and they have told me that refills are also available. They are also available from a number of retailers, all listed on their website, including Cabela's and MidwayUSA.

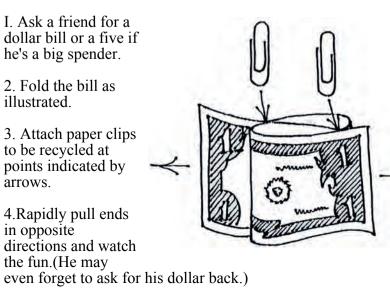
While not inexpensive (the advanced kit I received is \$97.95 on their website), these trauma kits are the type of purchase vou should all make, and hope to never use. I will never go shooting again without one and neither should you. Who knows, the life



# WINE FACTS, STATISTICS AND TRIVIA

Age of vine before producing useful grapes: 3 years Age of vine before full production: 5 years Productive lifetime of a vine: 30-35 years Grapes in a bottle: 500-600 Vines per acre: 400 Pounds of grapes produced by one vine: 8-12 Tons per acre: 5 (average-can vary greatly) Gallons of wine per ton of grapes: 120 Gallons of wine per acre: 800 Barrels per acre: 13.5 Bottles per ton: 500 Bottles per acre: 4,000 Cases per barrel: 24.6 Glasses per acre: 16,000 Glasses in a bottle: 5-6 Bottles per 60 gallon barrel: 300 Calories in a 5 ounce glass of dry wine: 100-125 Cost of French oak barrel: \$600-850 Cost of American oak barrel: \$300-550 Avg age of a French oak tree used to make barrels: 170 yrs Number of years an oak barrel is used: 5-8 Avg ann. wine consumption of French per capita: 15.81 gal. Avg ann. wine consumption of Germans per capita: 6.05 gal. Avg ann. wine consumption of Canadians per capita: 2.14 gal. Avg ann. wine consumption of Americans per capita: 2.01 gal. Avg ann. soft drink consumption of Americans per capita: 55 gal Avg ann. beer consumption of Americans per capita: 22 gal Avg ann. coffee consumption of Americans per capita: 22 gal. Avg ann. bottled water consumption of Americans per capita: 11

## **COOL TIP FOR RECYCLING PAPERCLIPS AND** AMAZING YOUR KIDS



(2016 Note: When this story was published in the New York Times the lake was at 377.7 feet or 62.3 feet below Glory Hole. On December 1. 1992 the lake hit its low point of 361.7 feet or 78.3 feet below Glory Hole.)

## **Drying Lake Yields California History**

An old bridge has risen from the Lake Berryessa normally is 3 miles water as the inundated Berryessa Valley across at its widest point and 26 miles re-emerges from an artificial lake that is receding after four years of drought. With each dry day, receding Lake Berryessa reveals more remains of the valley, once a thriving farming before community Government claimed it for a dam and reservoir in the 1950's. "There was almost nothing

left when they got through," remembered Moskowite, 64 years old, who was reared in Monticello and now lives near the dwindling lake, about 50 miles northeast of San Francisco. "They paid us off, gave buildings away, tore some down and burned some. What they couldn't burn they buried.

"The only thing left would be some streets anything over six inches high even the trees. It was a sad thing to lose that town."

Now, hundreds of tourists and former residents are coming to the long, but is about one-third that size after concrete slabs." glimpse the past.

find the emerging bits of the past, said "I was born in the valley and was level -- nearly 12 feet lower than during about 10 years old when it went under," the drought of 1976-77 and 63 feet below people are searching for more. said Ronnie McGuinnis, a maintenance "It's too bad about the drought, but normal worker for the Federal Bureau of The average 30 inches of rain a year some people are hoping that it continues Reclamation, which manages the lake at the lake has dropped by half since the just so we can see what's really down and recreational area. "I think people are 1986 floods, causing the lake level to fall there" he said. "It's like a developing coming back because they are still 15 to 20 feet annually mystery." distressed and remember being uprooted. "If it doesn't rain, this lake could dry They couldn't believe it was possible that up in a few years, then you'll really get to (2016 Note: It did get lower - about 16 feet lower during the next two years, this gigantic Government could come in see the whole town," said Jim Peterson, and tell them to get out. It's almost like we but there was still nothing more to maintenance foreman for the Bureau of Reclamation. were Indians and they wanted our land." see.) The valley was first inhabited by Downtown Monticello remains Pomo, Miwok and Wappo Indian tribes. under 50 to 60 feet of water, but outlying

#### Lake Berryessa History 25 Years Ago

Harold

and

The valley and lake were named for Jose areas are being revealed as the lake dries and Sisto Berryessa, brothers from Spain who began La Putas Rancho in 1843 in the area soon known for raising grain and cattle.

About 500 people lived in the valley, but their number dwindled to about 125 by the 1950's, when water was getting scarce as Northern California grew. The Federal Government formed a plan with Solano County to dam Putah Creek to create a reservoir in the valley, which sits mostly in adjacent Napa County.

up -- a foundation here, an old swimming pool there, along with sunken boats. motors, fishing poles and tennis shoes. Indian artifacts also have been found.

Roads unused for decades have fresh tire tracks from explorers while the 1941 bridge, under water until this summer, is marked by muddy footprints as the span sits six feet above the lake's surface.

"People can walk across if they want. but it doesn't go anywhere," Mr. Peterson said. "For some reason, though, we're about it. getting a lot of visitors even though there's not much to see except a few

#### **Taxes and Droughts and** Honestv. Oh Mv!

Just in from my tax guy: "As the 2015 tax season approaches, we wanted to pass along the below information and reminders regarding vour taxes. Note that with the increased reporting requirements to the IRS by brokers. which was started in 2011, the whole process has become much slower. It's frustrating, but there's nothing we can do

I think the IRS finally realized that the reporting of capital gains was

essentially an honor system...and apparently taxpayers aren't very honorable when it comes to reporting tax liabilities It reminds me of what happened in 1986 when the IRS decreed that to qualify for a deduction all dependents had to have a Social Security number and something like 7 million dependents disappeared...after all family pets don't have Security Social numbers, although my two pooches are certainly dependent on

Similarly, I suspect the IRS has collected significantly more revenue from taxes on capital gains these past couple of years as a

result of getting tax data directly from the broker rather than relying on the taxpayer."

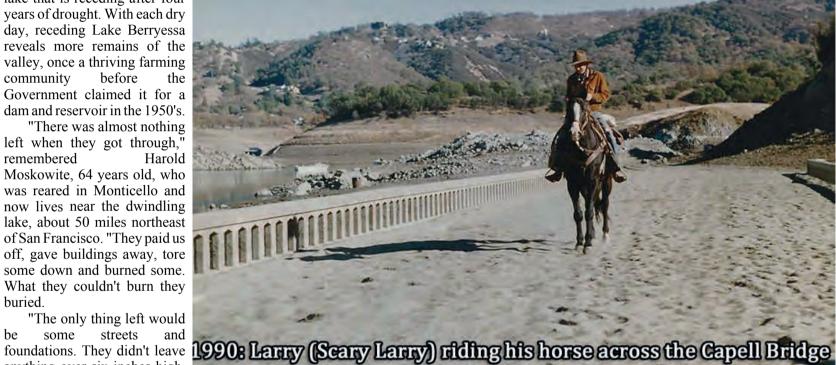
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When I lived in Marin County during a big drought in the 90's, the Marin Water District imposed a 50 gallon per day per resident limit on water usage. They sent out a questionnaire to all households and asked how many residents lived at a given address. Surprisingly, the population of San Anselmo, my hometown, went from about 11,500 people to almost 13,000 people in one week! Marin General Hospital must have been pumping out babies like crazy.

# at Lake Berryessa when it came above the water.

lake and to this town near the bridge to losing 60 percent of its water. This week. the lake surface fell to 377 feet above sea

Arnold Roessler, a park ranger who is busy these days telling visitors how to



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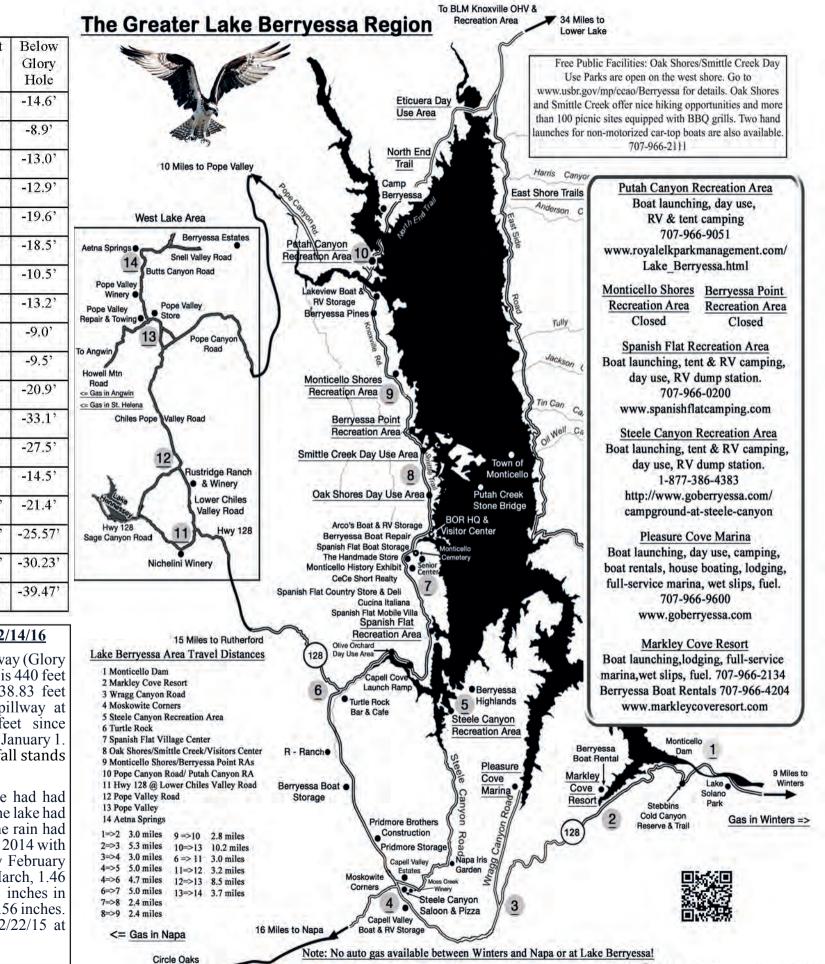
Rain	Season	Lowes
Season	Total	Level
97-98	46.26"	425.4'
98-99	23.46"	431.1'
99-00	26"	427.0'
00-01	24.7"	427.1'
01-02	23.38"	420.4'
02-03	31.6"	421.5'
03-04	25.64"	429.5'
04-05	36.36"	426.8'
05-06	40.56"	431.0'
06-07	12.7"	430.5'
07-08	25.32"	419.1'
08-09	23.96"	406.9'
09-10	26.41"	412.5'
10-11	37.92"	425.5'
11-12	19.56"	418.86
12-13	20.65"	414.43
13-14	13.69"	409.77
14-15	19.56"	400.53

## Lake Level Update: 2/14/16

The elevation of the spillway (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is 440 feet msl. The water is now 38.83 feet below the top of the spillway at 401.17 - rising 2.44 feet since 1/17/16 and 4.3 feet since January 1 This season's total rainfall stands at 13.28 inches.

Last year at this time we had had 17.09 inches of rain and the lake had risen to 411.8 feet, but the rain had stopped on December 21, 2014 with only 3.75 inches in early February followed by nothing in March, 1.46 inches in April, and 1.01 inches in May for a total of only 19.56 inches. The high level was on 2/22/15 at 412.07 feet.

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