

# The Lake Berryessa News

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April 21, 2005

From the Editor: General Plans, People, and Earth Day

April 22 is Earth Day, in case you forgot. The first Earth Day was on April 22, 1970 and we've learned a lot since then. But the County General Plan meeting at the Berryessa Senior Center on April 6 was much more than it seemed on the surface and made me wonder how much some people actually have learned. There were clear distinctions between what those who live here want and what those who don't live here think we should want.

Consider County attitude – it seems to be paternalistic and negative towards our community. County officials have publicly stated that Lake Berryessa is a “black hole” expense and that Napa County citizens don't use the lake. An unnamed Planning Dept. person worried that the meeting would be full of people from the “six packs and gun racks” crowd. Those of us who were there know this wasn't the case. But I've sometimes made a point about how much something costs by translating the dollar figure into the number of six-packs you could buy with the money. That pile of six-packs is quite an exciting visual when you think about a multi-million dollar government waste of money like the plan the Bureau of Reclamation is proposing for Lake Berryessa.

But the six-pack comment also indicates a fundamental lack of understanding of what it is like to be part of a concerned and educated rural America in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. There are too many people who have not gotten beyond their 1970's Easy Rider stereotypes. Some, like the local Sierra Club, are so far behind the times they must be able to see wagon trains catching up to them in their rearview mirrors!

Many of us at Lake Berryessa now were part of the efforts that resulted in unprecedented environmental and social progress during the last 35 years since the first Earth Day. But some don't want to let go of the thrill of the battles, with the rush that comes from knowing you (the good guys) are right and they (the bad guys) are wrong. You can see it now in some of the rhetoric from local exclusionist groups who seem to want to fight bigger and bigger battles over smaller and smaller things.

Consider the local folks' attitude – most seem to want to combine the positive values of the Lake Berryessa community with a desire for a modest increase in the number of homes and businesses – more lodging outside the resorts for visitors, for example. Sure would be nice to be able to have a self-supporting gas station out here! Maybe even a change to the highly-restrictive 160 acre agricultural zoning. Even Marin County - no slouch when it comes to protection - has only 60 acre ag zoning. Local people, especially those who have lived out here their whole lives, know the value of what they've got, but they also want to share it, expand it, benefit reasonably from it.

So how about some philosophy in the mix. General planning principles point out that to have a sustainable community you need at least 1,000 homes - to support a school, local businesses, local services. In other words, you have to have a critical mass of social and economic activity to create a sustainable community. Lake Berryessa has not gotten there yet and based on how it's being treated by the County it may never be allowed to. When people who control your destiny (the rest of Napa County) don't even know much about you (remember the County says Napa County residents, i.e., voters, don't even use the lake) you are at a disadvantage.

Philosophically, we've learned a lot in the 35 years since that first Earth Day. We've learned that most of us Americans consider ourselves environmentalists. We've learned how to turn the tide on environmental destruction and have done so in remarkable ways. We've learned that using sustainability as a guiding principle gives the best result for the environment, the economy, and social equity. And I know we've learned how to make Lake Berryessa a vibrant community while preserving the values that make this community unique.

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To the Editor

The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce commends the Bureau of Reclamation for re-examining the economic viability of their proposed plan. We all want Lake Berryessa to be accessible to the public, provide the infrastructure necessary to service a broad range of needs, and to the maximum extent possible, be economically self-sufficient. The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce unites businesses, local leaders and concerned citizens of the Lake Berryessa area with the mutual goal of achieving a better and more prosperous community.

Our objective is to work cooperatively with all members of the Lake Berryessa community to significantly improve economic conditions in the region as well as improve recreational opportunities for the public. However, Reclamation's plans appear to be inconsistent with those desired results.

Not only is the Socio-economic Environment section of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) superficial in its analysis of the economic effects of the Reclamation's plans on the local and regional economy, our members are not aware of any needs assessments, meetings, or discussions with them prior to the DEIS release.

The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce believes that the Summers and Summers Economic Analysis calls into serious question the financial viability of Reclamation's plan. If the Bureau of Reclamation should carry out the proposed closure of the Lake and complete demolition of the existing infrastructure, the consequences for all of the local, as well as regional, businesses would be devastating. You do not have to destroy the lake to renew it! Please do not implement DEIS Alternatives B,C, or D.

Several groups have proposed economically-viable plans that would increase access for short-term visitors, upgrade or remove mobile homes that do not meet reasonable health and safety standards, and provide an enhanced recreational experience for all lake users.

The most detailed of these has been prepared by an historically-unprecedented coalition of all seven concessionaires. These are business owners who have the most detailed knowledge of the practical economics of running a resort. They agree with the Summers and Summers analysis. They also agree that there is no need to remove all the long-term sites which provide a legitimate recreational opportunity for citizens as well as a stable revenue base to allow them to enhance recreational facilities for short-term visitors. Please take these plans seriously.

This is a time of opportunity for Reclamation, the resorts, local businesses, residents, and Napa County to work together to bring new life to our area. And this all fits the spirit of the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) which aims to "encourage productive and enjoyable harmony between man and his environment...to create and maintain conditions under which man and nature can exist in productive harmony, and fulfill the social, economic, and other requirements of present and future generations of Americans." Please see the attached Department of the Interior news release. The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce supports the application of these principles to the Lake Berryessa planning process which has too often in the past been more adversarial than cooperative.

Peter Kilkus, Executive Director  
Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce



A few words from Steven Wright

- All those who believe in telekinesis, raise my hand.
- I almost had a psychic girlfriend but she left me before we met.
- Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
- Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just don't have film.
- Many people quit looking for work when they find a job.
- Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.
- The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.
- What hair color do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men?

### More Letters to the Editor

The following letter sent from Steve Petty has been edited slightly for space. It is being included as a service to Pleasure Cove mobile home owners. We solicit responses from the Bureau of Reclamation and others interested parties. Several groups have written letters of interest to Reclamation, including the California Watershed Posse, about potentially running Pleasure Cove Resort. However, all of the members of the Resort Owners group referred to in the letter have declined to respond to the BOR's solicitation. Mr. Petty is pursuing legal action to regain management of Pleasure Cove.



April 15, 2005

Dear Permittees:

This letter is to update you of the recent events and actions regarding Pleasure Cove Resort. On March 28, 2005, the Bureau of Reclamation "took over" Pleasure Cove Resort for an alleged violation. We believe that Reclamation has acted improperly. We contend that Reclamation has overstepped its authority, and we have filed an appeal.

Reclamation has stated that Pleasure Cove Resort should issue refunds. Our sites and docks are still occupied; Reclamation is preventing use of the facilities, not Pleasure Cove Resort. There is no legal or contractual basis for the "lockout" of the permittees. Reclamation doesn't want to return our property, but they want to derive full benefit.

Reclamation is advising prospective bidders that the long term sites must be removed by December 15, 2005, this decision wasn't supposed to be made until the ROD was out. But now Reclamation is saying even if the Record of Decision allows long term sites to remain, ours are gone. Is that fair?

We are working with the support of the other six resorts, Task Force 7 and the Citizens to Protect Lake Berryessa, to reopen the resort as soon as possible, as well as protect the long term sites from removal. All seven resorts have banded together to prepare the Resort Owners Plan (ROP) in response to the DEIS. This plan works to retain, improve and upgrade the long term sites. It delivers all the goals Reclamation wants, while

offering more facilities, services and use. It also doesn't ask for 15 million dollar's of tax payer's money for clean up, or close one resort.

We were in the process of working out details, with agreement of a \$100,000 bond, and abruptly they "locked the doors." The Reclamation officials have tried to talk many of you into some kind of legal confrontation with Pleasure Cove Resort. I think the real crime here is what Reclamation has done, and I would suggest that you band together with all the above mentioned groups that support the resorts, and file a legal action against Pete Lucero and Cleve Dufer for overstepping their duties, and Reclamation for this illegal closure.

Please accept our apologies for the imposition and inconvenience, to you and your families, we understand that you have to do what you feel is necessary, we will do what ever it takes to protect Pleasure Cove Resort, its Investors, Staff and Permittees. Please rally with us, or the next time we get locked out it could be forever. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

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P.S. If you call the office (707) 257-9830, please leave a fax # and or e-mail address. We know your are upset, so are we. We can't speak to every one, so we will try to keep you updated through FAX or E-MAIL. Again you need to do what you feel is best for you, we will not respond to threat's. Our position is Reclamation is keeping you out not us, also you are occupying our property, there will be no refunds until this is settled between Reclamation and PCRAMG. And then it might be Reclamation issuing the refund



The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to catch up.

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

### Calendar of Events Around Lake Berryessa

#### Senior Center Crafts

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month  
Call Betty at 966-2254

#### Every Monday – Bingo – 1 PM til??

Every first Monday is Bingo Pot Luck – Starts at Noon.

#### Seniors Pot Luck

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Night – bring a dish.

#### Senior Center – Call 966-0206

#### Valley Christian Church

Weekly Bible Study on Monday nights, 7:30 until 8:30 PM.  
Currently meeting at the Community Church across from the  
Corners. For more information call **257-0527**.

**To put your event on the calendar call The Lake Berryessa  
News at 966-3806 or 287-6240 or email Shirl  
(shirllake@myexcel.com) or Peter (pkilklus@aol.com).**

### Seniors Legacy Reno Trip

**Bus leaves the Senior Center at 7:30am on June 7th & will pick  
up at the Corners for the Highland & Napa people.**

**Bus arrives in Reno 11am.**

**Stay over night. Double occupancy \$78. 00 per person.**

**Single room, \$99.00 / night. \$5.00 cash back & \$3.00 food credit.**

**Next day, leave Silver Legacy at 10:30 am & arrive at Boomtown  
for Buffet Lunch. Leave Boomtown at 3pm &  
arrive at the Senior Center by 7pm.**

**Money due in by May 5th. For more info.**

**Call Rosemarie 707-966-4505**

### Flea Market

**Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> and  
Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.**

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## **County General Plan & Lake Berryessa**

The Napa County General Plan meeting on April 6 at the Spanish Flat Senior Center focused heavily on local issues since the majority of the 50 attendees were local residents. Two members of the Napa County Board of Supervisors, Harold Moskowitz and Diane Dillon, also attended the meeting. Moskowitz represented the area during his previous service on the board. He still owns property here. Dillon currently represents Lake Berryessa.

Many comments revolved around the present and future economic viability of the Lake. Most seemed to want to combine the positive social and environmental values of the Lake Berryessa community with a desire for a modest increase in the number of homes and businesses. One breakout group, which included several lifelong residents, staged a verbal mini-revolt against the County's perceived lack of attention to the needs of the Lake Berryessa region and demanded that the County recognize the differences between Lake Berryessa and the rest of the County. The unfairness of the County's 160 acre agricultural zoning was given as an example since there is almost no potential for agriculture around Lake Berryessa other than cattle ranching.

The range of comments, according to someone who had attended several of the past meetings, was more representative of the local needs. However, the schism between the more extreme environmental positions and local residents' views was apparent.

There were several remarks from locals when an opposition regular stated she wanted to get rid of the loud boats, jet skis, and airplanes on the lake. She wanted no wakes to hit her kayak, hiking trails around the lake, more open space for public use, more controls on groundwater, and that "viewsheds" be protected. Many of the locals were incredulous at the mention of taking even more potential use of their property. Local business and property owners

protested that they understand and practice the concept of stewardship and know the value of what they've got. But they also want to share it, expand it, and benefit reasonably from it. This local philosophy coincided with that of representatives of the Napa Valley Land Stewards Alliance who were in attendance. NVLSA's goal is to promote responsible and thoughtful stewardship and the wise and sustainable use of privately-owned land.



### **County's \$1 Million "Black Hole"!**

County officials have publicly stated that Lake Berryessa is a million dollar "black hole" expense and that Napa County citizens don't make use of the lake.

The second assumption is clearly false since many sources, including local Lake Berryessa businesses and thousands of Napa County residents, have shown that Lake Berryessa is a significant recreation destination for Napa County citizens.

The first assumption, when its basis was called into question, was revised by the County to a \$700,000 black hole. Under further analysis, even this was found to be excessive. The bulk of expenses, based on the County's data, for the Lake Berryessa area during fiscal year 2004 were:

Sheriff's Budget: \$838,236

Fire Budget: 243,061

Total: \$1,081,297

Detailed data provided by the County listed cost elements by demand as well as by what the County would need to expend regardless of the number of long term sites in the resorts and/or number of concessionaires.

The Sheriff's Boat Patrol, a cost of \$623,288, would be required whether long-term sites were eliminated or not. Of the remaining, approximately \$215,000 are costs due to calls for assistance. The highest call volume experienced by the Sheriff's department occurred

during the months from April through September which coincides with the largest number of short-term users. Of the 729 calls for service in calendar year 2004, 591 (81%) were during the months with highest short-term use activity. Since there are only about 1,300 long-term sites and more than one million visitors per year, it is reasonable to infer that the increased short-term visitation is the primary reason for service call increases. Therefore, long-term sites do not significantly affect the call volume experienced by the Sheriff's Department. However, the hundreds of local residents and dozens of local businesses depend on these law enforcement assets year round.

Three fire stations currently serve the lake region. These stations would likely remain in their current locations, even if the long-term sites were removed, since there are hundreds of homes, businesses and ranches dependent on these fire protection services.

The call volume may drop, but not substantially. Currently the average incidents per year that require Fire

Department assistance totals 202. According to the County, the annual volume is directly attributable to "resorts, day use, boating, and close-in travel routes". Once again, it is reasonable to conclude that long-term sites do not significantly affect the expenses associated with maintenance and operation of the three fire station.

Upon close examination, much of what has been stated about County costs have little or no relationship to the present resort structure or number of long-term sites. A single concessionaire for the whole lake and the radical redevelopment proposed by the BOR would not change the County's costs significantly. It appears that

Reclamation is trying assuage the County's cost concerns by substantially reducing access at Lake Berryessa to motorized watercraft and short-term users. The Bureau's current proposal ensures less use by the public and no appreciable savings to Napa County.

Lake Berryessa is primarily a motorized watercraft recreation destination. For Napa County that does create a financial situation which needs to be addressed. A collaborative effort that includes Reclamation, the County, local businesses, long-term sites, short-term users and the boating public could surely find a way to consistently guarantee the funds required for County services at Lake Berryessa.



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## **New Policy Tools Advance Cooperative Conservation**

The Department of the Interior recently announced publication of revised procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in order to encourage the department's cooperative conservation goals.

"We have updated the procedures to reflect our commitment to public participation and cooperative problem-solving," said Lynn Scarlett, Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget, who chaired the departmental working group assembling the procedures. "We looked across bureaus and found the best practices that reflect our '4 C's' philosophy of conservation through communication, consultation, and cooperation."

The revisions are the culmination of several years of work by the department, and are consistent with the recently released Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Task Force Report, Modernizing NEPA Implementation. Enacted in 1969, NEPA describes a vision for balancing environmental, cultural, and economic goals. It provides the primary basis for public comment on agency decisions through consideration of the environmental effects of federal actions. The department notes that it made procedural changes to incorporate into the NEPA process the use of emerging environmental management techniques such as:

- consensus-based management, where possible, to reduce conflict and enhance cooperative problem-solving;
- adaptive management, as appropriate, to improve the use of science and monitoring;
- improvements in the NEPA process made by drawing from existing analyses, where appropriate
- integration of several simultaneous analyses rather than sequencing them; and building project-specific analysis from existing, broader programmatic analysis.

The revisions provide the department's eight bureaus with the guidelines necessary to implement and carry out the objectives of NEPA. The Act aims to "encourage productive and enjoyable harmony between man and his environment...to create and maintain conditions under which man and nature can exist in productive harmony, and fulfill the social, economic, and other

requirements of present and future generations of Americans."



## **Ten Things Everyone Using the Internet Should Know**

On hoaxes, viruses, get rich quick offers, relaying email and online petitions.

1. Big companies don't do business via chain letter. Bill Gates is not giving you \$1000, and Disney is not giving you a free vacation. There is no baby food company issuing class-action checks. MTV will not give you backstage passes if you forward something to the most people. You can relax; there is no need to pass it on "just in case it's true." Furthermore, just because someone said in the message, four generations back, that "we checked it out and it's legit," does not actually make it true.

2. There is no kidney theft ring in New Orleans. No one is waking up in a bathtub full of ice, even if a friend of a friend swears it happened to their cousin. Also, there is no missing child of a Wal-Mart manager in Mississippi so don't pass that one on.

3. Neiman Marcus doesn't really sell a \$200 cookie recipe. And even if they do, we all have it. If you make the recipe, decide the cookies are that awesome, feel free to pass the recipe on. One "secret" is to grate chocolate into the dough.

4. We all know all 500 ways to drive your roommates crazy, irritate coworkers, gross out bathroom stall neighbors, creep out people on posters, and people from each and every world ethnicity it takes to change a light bulb.

5. If the latest NASA rocket disaster(s) DID contain plutonium that went to particulate over the eastern seaboard, do you REALLY think this information would reach the public via an AOL chain-letter?

6. There is no "Good Times" virus. In fact, you should never, ever, ever forward any email containing any virus warning unless you first confirm it at an actual site of an actual company that actually deals with viruses. Try: <http://www.norton.com> or <http://www.norton.com> And even then, don't forward it. We don't care. And you cannot get a virus from a

flashing IM or email, you have to download...ya know, like a FILE!

7. If your "CC: list" is regularly longer than the actual content of your message, you're probably going to Hell.

8. If you still absolutely MUST forward that 10<sup>th</sup>-generation message from a friend, at least have the decency to trim the eight miles of headers showing everyone else who's received it over the last 6 months. It sure wouldn't hurt to get rid of all the "" (or the <) that begin each line. Besides, if it has gone around that many times we've probably already seen it.

9. The "Make a Wish" foundation is a real organization doing fine work, but they have had to establish a special toll

free hotline in response to the large number of Internet hoaxes using their good name and reputation. It is distracting them from the important work they do.

10. If you are one of those people who forwards anything that promises "something bad will happen if you don't," then something bad will probably happen to you.

BOTTOM LINE: Composing email or posting something on the Net is as easy as writing on the walls of a public restroom. Don't automatically believe it unless it's proven true... ASSUME it's false, unless you prove to yourself that is absolutely true. Got it? Good!



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**Resort Owners Propose  
Comprehensive  
Redevelopment Plan**

In response to the Bureau of Reclamation's radical plan for demolition of all present resort facilities and infrastructure, the seven present resort owners have united to propose a detailed redevelopment plan that exceeds the goals of Reclamation's Preferred Alternative B. And it would do so without having to shut down the lake for two years.

The Resort Owners Plan (ROP) was presented to Reclamation during the reopened DEIS comment period which ended April 4. It represents a financially-feasible plan and a reasonable blend of DEIS Alternative A and Alternative C. More importantly, the ROP represents the visions of the concessionaires, whereas the BOR's Alternative B was formed without the input of those providing facilities and services at the lake and fails to embody a cooperative vision of existing stakeholders.

The ROP would provide new and improved facilities, particularly for short-term and day users. Day users would be afforded greater shoreline access and recreation areas. Some long-term sites would be removed, per Reclamation's wishes, but this vital economic component would be allowed to remain, ensuring continued year-round services for long-term, short-term, and day-use visitors alike. Some trailers would be converted to vacation rentals to open up access to prime locations to the general public. The establishment of rules to camouflage vacation mobile homes will improve the visual appearance of resort shorelines and prevent trailer eyesores.

In addition, the ROP well represents the goals established by the Bush administration. It signifies an effort to find a compromise with Reclamation and to be consistent with the administration's stated goals to maximize access to public lands and not discriminate against any current users of those public lands. Further, it is consistent with

the "4 Cs" philosophy outlined by the Secretary of the Interior ("conservation through communication, consultation, and cooperation"). At Lake Berryessa there is both a land use issue and water management issue. The current Preferred Alternative by Reclamation will result in both short-term and long-term damage to the physical landscape of the lake. The ROP recognizes needs for improvement and at the same time attempts to meet all the guidelines of the 4 Cs.



**Willie Nelson produces  
"BioWillie" Diesel**

Since so many of us here at Lake Berryessa drive diesel trucks and listen to country music, Willie Nelson has just added a new dimension to our lives. As a longtime advocate for American farmers, Willie bought in early to the promise of homegrown fuel alternatives, filling his tour buses with emission-reducing "biodiesel" made from soybeans and vegetable oil, including fast-food grease.

This winter, he took his commitment a giant step further, founding Willie Nelson's Biodiesel in Cad's Corner, Texas. A Cad's Corner truck stop is the first to stock "BioWillie," and several other stations in Texas and Oklahoma plan to sell it soon.

Biodiesel is still rare on the roadways, but its use is on the rise. Last year 30 million gallons were sold, up from 15 million in 2002. More than 300 U.S. gas stations now serve the fuel, which can safely power any diesel engine. And the fuel is expected to become even more popular now that a recently approved federal tax incentive for producers could push the price down to match that of traditional diesel, which is unfortunately rising rapidly.



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**HA! HA! Harvey**

Beer Drinkers!

Sometimes when I reflect on all the beer I drink I feel ashamed. Then I look into the glass and think about the workers in the brewery and all of their hopes and dreams. If I didn't drink this beer, they might be out of work and their dreams would be shattered. I think, "It is better to drink this beer and let their dreams come true than be selfish and worry about my liver. ~ Babe Ruth

24 hours in a day, 24 beers in a case. Coincidence? I think not. ~ L. Mencken

Remember, "I" before "E", except in Budweiser. ~ Professor Irwin Corey

### **PWC Races Bring Excitement to the Waters of Lake Berryessa**

Summer came early to Lake Berryessa thanks to some intense Personal Watercraft (PWC) racing hosted at Steele Park Resort early this month with Pacific Coast Entertainment's Round 1 of the Pacific Watercross NorCal Racing & Riding Tour.



The Tour's goal is to combine the thrill of PWC racing with the family fun of PWC riding at some of the most interesting lakes in Northern California. The race event was the first in a five stop tour presented by locally-owned Pacific Coast Entertainment, L.L.C.



Participants ranging from Pro to Beginner came from as far away as Lake Havasu City and Oregon to participate in the first sanctioned PWC (also known as "jet ski") Race on Lake Berryessa in more than 10 years.

Racers competed in Closed Course and Endurance Races plus the crowd pleasing Freestyle Competition. More than 50 racers entered the various "Sit-Down" and "Stand-Up" classes riding Sea-Doos, Kawasakis, Hondas, and other models.

Their watercraft ranged from showroom floor "Stock" to fully modified "SuperStock". Participants were competing for individual event trophies and for points that will earn them a place at the World finals at Lake Havasu in October plus prizes including Fly Racing riding gear, Hydro-Turf watercraft accessories, and Slippery wetsuits.

The series brings PWC racers and recreational riders on a tour of Northern Californian lakes and waterways, including Lake Berryessa, Rollins Lake, Camp Far West, Clear Lake and finishing in Benicia on the Carquinez Straight.

For more information on this series visit their website at [www.PacificWaterCross.com](http://www.PacificWaterCross.com).

The NorCal R2R American Watercraft Association Charter Club, whose members are PWC racers and their families and friends, also held a PWC Poker Run.

With good weather and the lake looking breathtakingly beautiful as usual the event promoter, Evan Kilkus, considered the race a huge success. The racers also enjoyed Lake Berryessa and Steele Park. Honda rider Robert Stellhorn, #811, enthusiastically stated "It was an absolutely awesome race... the layout was great and the lake was beautiful."

Spectators came out to enjoy the sun, watch the races, and mingle with the riders. A group of local kids competed to get the most autographs from the racers after each moto. "I didn't realize how big and professional this event was going to be," stated one mother of three enjoying the action from the shade with her baby. The Bureau of Reclamation, which facilitated the permit process, was present to distribute recreation and safety information.

### **FISHIN WITH DINO**

**Trout and salmon are at surface to the 25 foot depths. Trolling Skiers Cove shoreline will produce your trout. Needlefish or Tripple Teazers are lures working well this week.**

**Bass are in 12 to 15 feet of water. Throw plastics, jigs or crawlers for some nice small mouths. A few large mouths have come in also.**

**Crappie are slow but active in evening hours using jigs or minnows. Dock areas or heavy brush areas are great areas for crappie. Cappell Cove at night using lights works great.**

**The water temperature is at 59 degrees 8 feet from the surface.**

**Dino Righetti ~ Spanish Flat Marina**

### **Fishin with Sid**

To all my fishing buddies,

I am leaving for Miami for sun and fun and will keep you informed of my fishing exploits. On April 24th will be a full moon so if you fish Lake Berryessa that weekend the females on the east side of the lake from the Ranch House to the Vineyards will be on their beds. The water temperature is a little above sixty degrees in the shallow waters.

Throw your favorite plastics into the beds and they will pick it up and move it. When they do set the hook. The new river 2 sea crawdads in watermelon with red flecks or black flecks has been producing for me personally. Also, the weightless senco in watermelon/red or black flecks will be good from now all the way through June. Those who fish from shore with a bobber should hook a minnow behind the dorsel fin and fish approximately four to five feet down. Please keep me informed if you use something that is successful so we can pass it on to others. Have a great time fishing!!!!!!

### **Boating Fatalities Drop in 2003**

The most recent Coast Guard accident statistics list 703 boating fatalities in 2003, a 6% drop from 2002. Overall, fatalities have been on a downward trend for three decades even as the number of boats on U.S. waters has more than doubled. It was not until the mid-1980s that fatalities dropped to less than 1,000 per year. In 2003, there were 12.7 million registered boats in the U.S.

Some 70% of fatalities were drownings and 86% of those victims were not wearing a life jacket. Twenty-seven children died and drowning was the cause in 60% of those incidents. On a positive note, alcohol was a factor in 31% of boating fatalities, down 8% from 2002. A decade ago, alcohol involvement in fatal accidents was at 50%.

Injuries from accidents on personal watercraft (e.g. Jet Skis, etc.) dropped for the eighth year in a row. Most fatalities (297) still occur with boats less than 16 feet long. In 26% of the fatalities, the boater was fishing at the time of the accident. To download the full report, visit [www.uscgboating.org](http://www.uscgboating.org) and see 2003 Recreational Boating Statistics.

This information is also available in BoatU.S. Magazine, a publication of the Boat Owners Association of the United States whose web site is [www.BoatUS.com](http://www.BoatUS.com).

**CHICKEN SATAY with  
SPICY PEANUT SAUCE and  
CUCUMBER SALAD**

(Found in a PG&E Bill Flyer)

Chicken Satay

4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves

1 C coconut milk

3 garlic cloves

1 TBL curry powder

1 tsp ground coriander

1 tsp paprika

1 tsp salt

Remove the small pieces of meat (chicken tenderloins) from the underside of each breast half and place in a medium bowl. Cut each breast half into 3 long strips about 1-1/2 inches wide and add to the bowl. I usually use frozen boneless chicken breasts cut in half and/or frozen chicken tenders. Although they cost more they're more convenient to use. I also use chopped garlic from a jar.

Pour coconut milk into a separate bowl and press garlic cloves into milk. Stir curry, coriander, paprika and salt into coconut milk and pour over chicken. Let chicken marinate in the refrigerator for at least 2 hours.

While chicken is marinating, prepare cucumber salad and peanut sauce (recipes below). If using bamboo skewers to barbecue the chicken, soak them in water so they won't burn. Prepare grill or preheat broiler. Thread each chicken piece onto a bamboo or metal skewer. Grill or broil chicken for 5 minutes on each side until lightly browned and cooked through. You can also cook them without the skewers and just serve them on a plate.

Peanut Sauce

1 cup coconut milk

1 TBL red curry paste

1 TBL satay or chili paste

2 TBL creamy peanut butter

2 TBL sugar

1 TBL tamarind juice or lime juice

1/2 tsp salt

In a saute pan, bring milk to a boil. Reduce heat to medium and whisk in curry and satay pastes. Stir in

peanut butter, sugar, tamarind juice and salt; simmer for 10 minutes until slightly thickened. Remove from heat and let sauce cool at room temperature until chicken is ready to serve.

I usually make a large batch of the spice combination – excluding the coconut milk and peanut butter. I freeze it and then use 3-4 tablespoons of the spice mixture per can of coconut milk. The spices are quite hot so experiment to your taste. Add as much chunky peanut butter as you like and stir it all in a heated saucepan. This makes it easy to throw a dinner party without a lot of work. Serve the satay with brown rice and lots of extra sauce on the side. Or try basmati or jasmine rice.

Cucumber Salad

2-3 cucumbers, peeled and thinly sliced

2-3 thin slices red onion, cut in half – or as much as you like

2 TBL chopped red bell pepper – or as much as you like

1/4 C sugar

1/2 tsp salt

1 TBL distilled vinegar

1/4 C hot water

Combine cucumber, onion and red pepper in non-aluminum bowl. Place sugar and salt into a small bowl and stir in vinegar and hot water. Toss cucumber mixture with sugar mixture and allow cucumbers to marinate until chicken is ready to serve.



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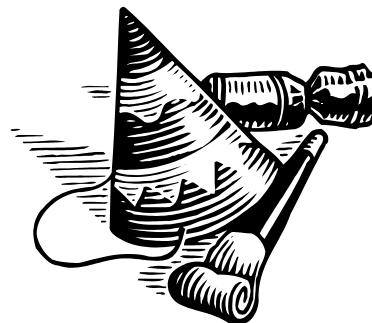


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**Florida Manatee Deaths down**

Recorded manatee deaths in Florida for 2004 took a big drop from the previous year, according to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. FWC reported a total of 276 deaths last year, well down from 370 in 2003, but the agency cautioned that 96 animals died due to red tide exposure in 2003.

The number of manatees killed in watercraft collisions last year showed a small decline from 2003 as well, from 73 to 69. As a percentage of manatee deaths, collisions with watercraft remained at about 25%. That rate has held relatively steady for the last decade, according to FWC figures, even while boat registrations in Florida have increased significantly in that time.



**These are actual  
comments left last year  
on Forest Service  
registration  
sheets and comment  
cards by backpackers  
completing wilderness  
camping trips:**

"A small deer came into my camp and stole my bag of pickles. Is there a way I can get reimbursed? Please call."

"Escalators would help on steep uphill sections."

"Instead of a permit system or regulations, the Forest Service needs to reduce worldwide population growth to limit the number of visitors to wilderness."

"Trails need to be wider so people can walk while holding hands."

"Ban walking sticks in wilderness. Hikers that use walking sticks are more likely to chase animals."

"All the mile markers are missing this year."

"Found a smoldering cigarette left by a horse."

"Trails need to be reconstructed. Please avoid building trails that go uphill."

"Too many bugs and leeches and spiders and spider webs. Please spray the wilderness to rid the area of these pests."

"Please pave the trails so they can be plowed of snow in the winter."

"Chair lifts need to be in some places so that we can get to wonderful views without having to hike to them."

"The coyotes made too much noise last night and kept me awake. Please eradicate these annoying animals."

"Reflectors need to be placed on trees every 50 feet so people can hike at night with flashlights."

"Need more signs to keep area pristine."

"A McDonald's would be nice at the trail head."

"The places where trails do not exist are not well marked."

"Too many rocks in the mountains."

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## **Ha! Ha! Harvey**

One night at Cheers, Cliff Clavin explained the "Buffalo Theory" to his buddy Norm: Well ya see, Norm, it's like this. A herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo. And when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first.

This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the generalspeed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members.

In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Excessive intake of alcohol, as we know, kills brain cells. But naturally, it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine! That's why you always feel smarter after a few beers.

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**DAM LEVEL UPDATE**

The elevation of the spillway (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is 440feet.

The water is now .35 Feet below the top of the spillway  
Lake Berryessa has had 39.16 Inches of rainfall since July 1<sup>st</sup>

As reported by Carlos Jeffreys of The Corners

Date	Elevation	Evaporation	High	Low
4/11/05	440.60	0.08	71	39
4/12/05	440.53	0.20	67	37
4/13/05	440.46	0.08	68	35
4/14/05	440.41	0.13	70	37
4/15/05	440.38	0.07	78	42
4/16/05	440.37	0.19	81	49
4/17/05	440.35	0.18	73	40

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