

*Fleur du Lac
Estates
Winter 2019*



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WINTER NEWSLETTER 2019

A WINTER WALLOP!

As you all know by now, this winter is one for the record books. Out of 28 days in the month of February, we were inundated with snowfall for 24 of them! The temperatures hovered in the teens for most of the month making for some of the best snow the Sierra has seen in quite some time. Then, atop our lovely feather-light powder snow we endured 26 hours of rain. A shame to part ways with the delightful fluff, but it gave way to our Oh-So-Familiar “Sierra Cement”, so we will be assured of having plenty of Spring Skiing this year, with Squaw/Alpine planning to be open once again through July seventh, and

	24-hour	Season Total
Kirkwood	7"	526"
Sugar Bowl	6"	561"
Sierra-at-Tahoe	6"	473"
Squaw Valley	5"	616"
Alpine Meadows	5"	512"
Mammoth Mountain	2"	628"
Homewood	2"	563"
Northstar	2"	549"
Tahoe-Donner	2"	450"
Heavenly	1"	425"
Diamond Peak	1"	397"

Homewood Mountain Resort bumping their closing day up to April 21st!

The rainfall pushed the water content up to the point where, this morning, KCRA news out of Sacramento announced that there is enough water in the snow pack right now to cover the entire Sierra Nevada Mountain Range in four feet of water!

(Data from National Weather Service on 3/8/19.)

JULY EVENTS:

7/4/19

10:00 AM ~ Children’s Parade:
Bikes, Scooters, Skateboards, and more ... all decked out in Red, White, n’ Blue! Starts at the Tennis Courts.

11:00 AM ~ Games on the Lawn!
Come join Jordan Koch and kids young and old for the 3-Legged Race, Water Balloon Toss, Croquet, and more!

Pappas Lamb Barbeque!

Spit-roasted as only the Pappas Family can do, this lamb barbecue is sure to please. Potluck style – bring a side dish or a dessert to share. Hot dogs and beverages will be provided.

7/5/19

4:00 PM ~ Property Walk-About
Anticipate 1 ½ hours to tour the grounds and learn of past, present, and future plans.

5:30 PM ~ Wine & Cheese Reception at the Yacht Club

7/6/19

8:30 AM ~ Coffee & Pastries
9:00 AM ~ Annual Homeowners Meeting followed by Regular Scheduled Board Meeting at the Yacht Club.

SPOTLIGHT ON ... THE SKARAKIS FAMILY!



Newest members of the Fleur du Lac Community in Unit #13 are Chris and Jennifer Skarakis. Chris and Jennifer live in Woodside CA with their three daughters, Sam (15), Georgia (11) and Meadow (8). While parenting occupies most of their time, Chris and Jennifer fill the rest of their time playing music, volunteering, fundraising and traveling.

Big into the music scene and using it as a tool to leverage their good deeds, Chris currently sits on the Board of Little Kids Rock, a non-profit organization that brings music education to underprivileged schools across the US. Other musical endeavors include working with Tom Morello's Justice Tour and recently reuniting the 80's band, Babes in Toyland. Jennifer and Chris also play guitar together in a local band, Black Krim, and Jennifer is dabbling at the bass. They're also The Parent Band at the girls' schools, assisting the music teacher and helping with the kids' musicals. Several years ago, Chris wrote a 2nd Grade Musical, *The Big Clean Up*, that teaches about cleaning up the world's oceans and how to care for the environment. Chris has been playing his musical at the school for over 10 years.

Jennifer is a serial entrepreneur. She founded a creative agency in the early 90's with clients such as Siebel Systems, Clorox, Netscape, Sun Microsystems, Levi Strauss, Stanford Cancer Center, UCSF Health Care, Vodafone, Honeywell and Autodesk. She then co-founded an e-commerce modern furniture store, 2Modern, and in October 1999, she founded an event planning site, Sendo Invitations.

Chris has worked in strategy, analytics and business development for Silicon Graphics and Netscape, and was the 14th employee at Google. He was the leader of the book project scanning and documenting millions of books from around the world (Oxford, Stanford, Harvard, NYC Public, Library of Congress, University of Michigan). Chris has also co-founded music related start-up's Fuzz, Blip.fm and music management company Powersniff LLC.

Chris and Jennifer came to know Fleur du Lac when homeowners Stewart and Jordan Koch invited them for a visit and they found themselves falling in love with the community. After a couple similar visits, they decided to make FDL their home as well. They look forward to many hours fishing off the piers, and making memories with their girls.

SPA REBUILD AND RE~PLASTER PROJECT

The long awaited work to renovate the spa has begun and should be done by mid-April. After the plumbing repairs are completed, we will finish with the re-plaster as long as the temperatures hold above freezing. The area surrounding the spa may be replaced with pavers to facilitate repairs going forward. The Architectural Control Committee consisting of Bob Zerbst, Marcy Friedman, and Doug Stuart, is working with Ed Platt to determine the best options for the surface surrounding the spa.

SERVICE ROAD UPDATE

The initial plan provided for the removal of the access road south of the office, and it has now been blocked off. In Step Two, the Board will identify the most suitable location for the new service road to best serve the needs of the property, at which point we will submit an amendment to TRPA before considering the plan final.



WEBSITE UPDATE

The new FDLE Website upgrade is still in the works with several changes/updates being worked out. We will be updating the Owner of Record for each Unit on the website as we receive this information back from the Placer County Assessors' Office. The designer of the website, Carl LeBlanc, will be doing an in-person training with staff as well as providing us with a written manual so we can perform the maintenance internally. Board Meeting Minutes have been renamed and placed on the website in chronological order for ease of access. Once our new website is up and running, homeowners will be notified and sent a temporary password to access the homeowner portion of the site where they can then personalize their passwords. We hope to soon have a page for each family to provide some information about themselves, so folks will want to be thinking about what photos to post and/or a little bio to share.

FROM BOARD VICE PRESIDENT WOODY SHACKLETON

I've agreed to chair the Nominating Committee for Board Elections this year to develop a Slate of Candidates to be recommended to the homeowners for their consideration at the Annual Homeowners Meeting this July. If anyone is personally interested in being considered for a two-year term on the Board, please contact me at my email address (wood2905@gmail.com), or call me directly at 408-420-7044.

Responsibilities include: attending all Board Meetings (usually about six per year running about three hours each, but this can vary depending upon the issues encountered each year); reviewing and editing Board Minutes; studying all documentation associated with matters being addressed; creating the Association budget annually and regularly tracking performance against that plan; attending any hearing(s) held to address specific homeowner issues and weighing in on appropriate resolutions for any conflicts which may arise between homeowners, and/or staff; and representing all homeowners in matters that come before the Board on issues ranging from property maintenance and improvements, to services and staffing to regulatory compliance. This is not an exhaustive list of duties, but hopefully provides some context for anyone interested.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Woody Shackleton

HOLIDAY FUN AT THE YACHT CLUB!

With numerous homeowners on the property for the holidays, many had a chance to get better acquainted with one another. New Year's Eve rolled in with Pizza, Lasagna, and Salad, generously shared by the Baggetts and friends, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The merriment continued the following night as the Baggetts had a spectacular Birthday Bash for Robin. It was a catered affair, complete with Magician Justin Impossible who kept everyone guessing throughout the night.

WANT TO GET A LITTLE GLIMPSE OF THE MAGIC SHOW?

Here are a couple of links to share the birthday fun from Robin Baggett's birthday celebration:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8EynJ2xtKdw> and <https://youtu.be/PzjmN-iZsiY>



FUN IN THE SNOW...



Want to see how much snow is at the top? Head up to The Clair Tappaan Lodge on old Highway 40 (AKA Donner Pass Road, just west of Sugar Bowl Resort on the opposite side of the road) and join one of their guided snowshoe tours on March 16th or 23rd. (This photo is taken in the back yard looking at their three-story lodge building.) They leave from Clair Tappaan Lodge and explore Tahoe National Forest beginning at 10:00 AM sharp and trek about for 2-3 hours. Plan on bringing your own water and snacks and dress comfortably in layers. Hot chocolate and tea is available before and after the tour. Plan to arrive at the lodge by 9:00 AM. Call ahead to check on Snow Conditions (530-426-3632). Check in at the Front Office.

If you can't make that one, check into Moonlight Snowshoe and X-C Ski tours around the area. The snow dazzles the eye as you pass through the shadows and brilliantly sparkling snow, an experience that should not be missed! It looks like it might even be clear enough to see the moon this time around! Here's a link to one just a few miles down the road on the West Shore at Sugarpine Park: <https://sierrastateparks.org/event/full-moon-snowshoe-tour>.

Looking for more fun adventures? View a local events calendar here: <https://www.gotahoenorth.com/events>.

SUMMER AND BOATING ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

The Fleur du Lac harbor opens May 15th. Just a quick reminder that we need to have your current watercraft insurance documentation in our files prior to its arrival in the harbor for the upcoming 2019 summer season. If you have not done so yet, please make sure to get that information to us!

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