

# Ripples



Quiet Water Homeowners Association Newsletter

April/May 2012

## Quiet Friends

**Quiet Friends is a social gathering** of Quiet Water homeowners and renters. We meet for fun and food . . . (usually) the first Saturday of each month at 5:30 p.m. You can host *Quiet Friends* in your home; or, if you prefer, **The Hang Out** at Mary and Lance Johnson's home (567 Combs Circle) is also available as a venue. Call Mary at 541-547-5435 if you are interested in hosting *Quiet Friends*.

**The April Quiet Friends Dinner was a wonderful evening.** Katie Koestler hosted the meal at The Hangout, and 19 people attended.



**Saturday, May 5,** Bob and Ann Noble are hosting at The Hang Out. Mexican lasagna will be served and guests should bring salad, side dish or dessert. **Please RSVP to Ann at 541-342-6326 by May 1.**

**Saturday, June 16,** will be a poolside potluck following the Quiet Water Annual Meeting. There is no planned menu . . . just bring your favorite poolside potluck food. **Table service and drinks will be provided.**

**Saturday, July 7,** will be a hamburger cookout by the pool.

**Saturday, August 4,** will be a hot dog roast at the fire pit by the pool.



## Notice of Annual Meeting of Quiet Water Homeowners Saturday, June 16, 2012, 10:00 a.m., Yachats Commons, Room 8

**Please mark your calendars for the Annual Meeting of the Quiet Water Homeowners,** which will be held Saturday, June 16, 2012. As usual, the meeting will be held at the Yachats Commons, Room 8, at 10:00 a.m.

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## Notice of Separate Meeting of Quiet Water Homeowners Friday, June 15, 2012, 7:00 p.m., Yachats Commons, Room 3

**In view of the importance of the riparian restoration project,** the board has decided to hold a separate meeting to fully inform members about the riparian restoration project and to answer questions. This meeting will take place Friday, June 15, at 7:00 p.m., also at the Commons, in Room 3. Having this informational meeting on Friday will allow us ample time to deal with the normal business of the annual meeting the following day. We do not anticipate making any binding decisions at the Friday evening meeting.

## *From the Quiet Water Board of Directors*

Wally Orchard, President

The Quiet Water Board held its quarterly meeting on Saturday, April 7, at the home of board member Ken Aebi.

Two main topics were discussed in detail: the recently completed reserve study and the progress with plans for restoration of the riparian zone.

The reserve study considered all five different common areas in Quiet Water: the four LCAs, and the general common area (pool, courts, shed, etc). In most of these areas the reserves are close to the ideal of being fully funded. This means essentially that there is no need to consider major adjustments to the current quarterly assessments. The one exception is LCA 1, where there is a sizable deficit in the reserves ó in other words, the actual reserve in the LCA 1 fund is far below the ideal, fully funded amount. The board plans to discuss this situation with LCA 1 members before any decision is made on how to reduce the reserve deficit. Any assessment changes needed for the other LCAs will be relatively small. The general reserves are in a healthy state, meaning that the board sees no reason for making any changes in the current general assessment levels.

The recent severe winter storms have caused a lot of damage and erosion along Quiet Water's stretch of the bank of the Yachats River. Our river bank path is now increasingly threatened, as are some of the LCA cottages that are particularly low-lying or close to the water. The board is determined to do whatever is reasonably possible to stabilize the river bank and so protect the assets of our community. The Walama Restoration Project (WRP), a Eugene-based non-

profit, has provided us with an excellent plan for reducing erosion, combating invasive weeds, and enhancing habitat in the riparian zone. The Yachats City Council approved this plan in a unanimous vote. We then commissioned WRP to write a grant proposal for submission to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) for funding assistance in implementing the restoration plan.

By the time you read this, the grant application will have been submitted to OWEB. Walama has come up with a budget of \$67,461.00 to carry out the restoration, of which Quiet Water will be responsible for \$16,865.00, i.e. 25% of the total. Some of Quiet Water's portion can be paid in kind (e.g., by supplying wood chips from our stock) and in labor (e.g., watering of new plantings during dry months), so that the financial impact on our members will be reduced, possibly even to zero for some members who put in enough volunteer hours on the project. The grant application is a very comprehensive set of documents that make a powerful case for financial support. We feel there is a good chance that our application to OWEB will be successful.

As noted in detail on page one, the Annual Meeting of the Quiet Water Homeowners Association will be held Saturday morning, June 16, 2012.

As also noted in detail on page one, there will be a separate meeting Friday evening, June 15, 2012, to fully inform folks about the riparian restoration project and to answer questions.

We hope you will be able to attend both meetings. More details about these meetings will follow, including the packet for our Annual Meeting.

### *Twig Patrol*

Saturday, April 14 . . . Picking up sticks, twigs and branches . . . for three hours!



Nan Scott and Joan Johnson

Not pictured, but hard at work . . . Dennis and Valorie Schuelke and Jeannine Janson



Joan and Doug Johnson



Enjoying treats at Doug and Joan's:  
Dennis, Valorie, Nan, Joan, Doug

Not pictured, but enjoying a cinnamon bun: Jeannine

### *Other News*

#### *Wally Orchard*

The heavy rains and strong winds in recent months washed much of the material out of the compost bins behind the equipment shed, and on to the lawn. No sooner had the board thought of doing something to rectify this state of affairs, than two mystery volunteers spent a recent Saturday morning fitting hi-tech õgatesö to the front of the bins. We are confident the problem is now solved; the new-look bins are shown in the photo. Thank you, mysterious carpenters. I think I know who you are, but I am not telling!



Please note the signs that hang above the individual bins. The IN bin is for soft, easily compostable waste. Members needing compost for their Quiet Water gardens may take ready-to-use compost from the OUT bin.



### *Hi Neighbors . . . Dennis and Valorie Schuelke*

Solitude and a peaceful river convinced us, Dennis and Valorie Schuelke, to purchase our 264 Combs Circle cottage in Quiet Water 18 years ago (originally owned by Bruce and Ilene O'Neil). Community, the park-like setting, and the ocean have encouraged us to return for days of rest and relaxation.

We both grew up in small-town Iowa and eventually settled in Eugene, Oregon, where the winters and summers are milder and the trees and mountains are taller.

Dennis is a retired OB-Gyn doctor who currently spends his days with volunteer work, watercolors, and an occasional game of golf.

Valorie is a retired nurse who enjoys gardening and creating colorful charity quilts.

Three young granddaughters live in Eugene and keep us involved as we provide some of their childcare. A favorite trip with them is a visit to the coast and Quiet Water. Our cottage is anything but quiet during those visits! Four beaches in three days is our current record. Hopefully, you will see all of us on the river as the girls begin to acquire some boating skills in the kayaks.

We both enjoy traveling—especially in our RV. This summer is a two-month trip to Alaska—the last frontier! And if you would like a rousing game of cards, give us a call.

### **Got Questions?**

#### **For Our Board of Directors or Treasurer . . .**



- Wally Orchard: [worchard@peak.org](mailto:worchard@peak.org)
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- Ken Aebi: [kenequitablestafetygroup@earthlink.net](mailto:kenequitablestafetygroup@earthlink.net)
- Bob Noble: [bnoble1999@msn.com](mailto:bnoble1999@msn.com)
- **If you have a question for the Board but don't use e-mail,** you can call Wally at 541-547-5474.
- Nan Scott, Treasurer: [Nan.Scott@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Nan.Scott@oregonstate.edu)

**Chad McQuade is our Site Manager and is the first person to contact** whenever there is any problem with the Quiet Water grounds or buildings. Chad's cell phone is 541-961-9488 and his e-mail address is [quietwaterguy@gmail.com](mailto:quietwaterguy@gmail.com).





## *Hi Neighbors . . . Bob Barton and Gretchen Armstrong*

By Gretchen

Bob was born in Radford (and raised in Richmond), Virginia, and wanted to get as far away from it as he could (ha ha!).

He traveled around the country when he was younger, staying in Eugene and Yachats, and bought two lots in Quiet Water in the late 1980's while he was still working in Sacramento. Later, he moved up here and began building, doing all his own work and interior design. It took awhile . . . he finished the house (at 344 Combs Circle) in the 100-year flood of the late 1990's, and says he has lived here longer than anyone except the legendary Russ Barney and Miss Helen Barney.

In 2006, I'd moved to Seal Rock after twenty years in Seattle, so I began coming down to Yachats to work at the all-volunteer-run Public Library and visit the Green Salmon Coffee House, which had just opened.

I would see Bob in his fabulous bright yellow bicycle gear coming in the coffee house after long rides upriver or over the Cape. We met and became friends. I was struck by how kind and funny he was, and he was really wonderful with my little granddaughter when she was here.

On Bob's 62nd birthday, he said the doctors put him on a cheesecake patchô you have to know Bob.

I was born in Medford, Oregon, and we moved to Pokomoke City, Maryland, when I was small. My dad was working at a NASA Test Rocket Station there, so Bob and I lived across the Chesapeake Bay from each other when we were young.

Later, I went to school in Eugene in the '70's, and Bob was in Eugene, too. We lived across the block from each other but we never met.

And so it goes . . . Bob once served as president of the Quiet Water Board and has always been a good friend and neighbor to those who need him. I was wanting to start a City Park on the Yachats Library side-yard, so sat on the City Commission for Parks and Commons for two years when I moved here. Organic gardening is one of my life-long passions. My particular interest lately is playing percussion for the Oregon Coast Chamber Orchestra. [Editor's Note: See next page for Oregon Coast Chamber Orchestra concert information.]

Bob and I both still daily enjoy living here full time on the River and the fabulous Oregon Coast.

Best wishes from Gretchen and Bob.



**A Message from Jeannine Janson**

**Editor/Publisher of *Ripples***

If you haven't yet, please send me your story/profile/bio (and a photo) for an upcoming issue of *Ripples*. It's a nice, easy way for us to introduce ourselves to each other.

Please also let me know if you have suggestions for the *Ripples* or information of interest for future issues.

Also, we are working on a new Directory, so please let me know if any of your contact information has changed.

My e-mail address is: jeanninejanson@aol.com, and my home phone is: 541-547-4369.



**An Oregon Coast Chamber Orchestra (OCCO) Spring Pops Concert will be held Friday, May 4, at 7:00 p.m.** at Yachats Community Presbyterian Church. The concert will feature Big Band favorites such as *Sentimental Journey*, *Rum and Coca-Cola*, *String of Pearls*, *Nice Work if You Can Get It*, and *I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm*.

Appearances by several Oregon jazz soloists will also be part of this OCCO Spring Pops Concert.

Tickets are \$10.00 and may be purchased any time at Mari's Books or at the Presbyterian Church when the doors open for the concert.