



# THE MARIPOSA

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY PARKS' OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2009

## SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

[www.slocountyparks.org](http://www.slocountyparks.org)

### MAY 2 & 3

8<sup>th</sup> Annual Reel "Em In Trout Derby at Lopez Lake  
Info: 788-2385

### MAY 2

Kid's Fishing Jamboree at Santa Margarita Lake  
Info: (805) 788-2415

### MAY 15 & 16

CC Adventure Challenge at Santa Margarita Lake  
Info: (805) 788-2415

### JUNE 6

Free Fishing Day  
CA Dept. of Fish & Game  
Californians can fish any freshwater lakes without a fishing license. All other regulations apply.  
Info: (805) 781-5930

### JUNE 6

Kid's Fishing Jamboree at Santa Margarita Lake  
Info: (805) 788-2415

### JUNE 6

National Trails Day Celebrations and Work Parties at Lopez Lake  
Info: Holly (805) 544-1777

### JULY 18 & 19

Renaissance Faire at El Chorro Regional Park, San Luis Obispo  
Info: (800) 688-1477 or [www.hisrev.org](http://www.hisrev.org)

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## NEW DOG PARK IN NORTH COUNTY!



Thanks to Paula O'Farrell and Parks-4-Pups' tireless effort there is a new off-leash dog park in the North County. Located on Vineyard Drive, 1.5 miles west of Highway 101 in Templeton **Vineyard Dog Park** is ¾ acre in size and cross-fenced with a separate play area designed for small, senior, or timid dogs.

The dog park was financed by donations and loans from dog owners and local organizations. Many hours of volunteer labor helped to build the dog park, which opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony February 14th.

Park visitors will be asked to pay a day use fee of \$1 or an annual membership dog tag for \$25 per family. Fees can be waived with a commitment of 2 hours of volunteer time per month.

For information visit [www.vineyarddogpark.org](http://www.vineyarddogpark.org)

## KUDOS TO RANGER KEN KLIS

As part of the County's Employee Suggestion Program, Supervising Ranger Ken Klis submitted a proposal that would save the County \$15,000 per year.

Klis figured out a way to modify a flush valve on restroom toilets. The valves were installed at Santa Margarita Lake Campground restrooms. They cut the water use per flush to 4.0 quarts from 8.5 quarts. There is no sewer or leach system at SML. Thanks to Klis' valve modification, the annual cost to truck the restroom black-water dropped from \$35,000 to \$20,000.



In addition to the \$15,000. In waste removal services, savings in water and employee time were realized as well according to Cecilia Fontes of the County's Risk Management. The Board of Supervisors commended Klis and awarded him an "employee suggestion award" of \$1,000.

Supervisor Jim Patterson noted that Klis, an 18 year County employee, also has participated in educational programs, worked in trail construction, and with the Civilian Conservation Corps, among many other duties Klis said the job's versatility is an attraction.

## "THANK YOU" SLO BOTANICAL GARDENS

Staff at Dairy Creek Golf Course planted eight donated trees around the back nine comfort station. They look good today and in a few years they will completely hide the building. The donation came from the SLO Botanical Gardens located in El Chorro Regional Park.

## SUMMER LIFEGUARDS

Do you know anyone interested in working as a lifeguard for San Luis Obispo County Parks? Contact Steve Nadolski, Aquatics Coordinator, at (805) 781-4790 or apply online at [www.slocounty.ca.gov/hr](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/hr). Lifeguarding, Title 22, and CPR for the Professional Rescuer are needed to apply.



### RECREATION PROGRAMS

- ❖ **CAYUCOS BEACH JUNIOR LIFEGUARDS**  
Registration begins Monday, May 1, 2009  
Registration info is at [www.slocountyparks.org](http://www.slocountyparks.org)
- ❖ **FREE YOGA**  
for Cancer Survivors at the SLO Vet's Hall  
Wednesdays 4:00pm  
Info: (805) 772-3560
- ❖ **YOGA w/ Shoosh**  
at the SLO Vets Hall  
Mon's & Wed's  
5:15pm Beginners  
6:30pm Continuing  
Info: (805) 772-3560
- ❖ **PAWSABILITIES DOG TRAINING**  
at Cuesta Park in SLO  
Wednesday Nights  
Info: (805) 610-1157
- ❖ **ELITE K9 SOLUTIONS DOG TRAINING**  
at Los Osos Park Barn  
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
Info: (805) 550-2292
- ❖ **SCOTTISH DANCE**  
at the SLO Vet's Hall  
Thursday Evenings  
Info: (805) 466-4631
- ❖ **TENNIS LESSONS**  
at Nipomo Park  
Tuesdays & Fridays  
Info: (805) 458-4008
- ❖ **TANGO CLASSES** at SLO Vets Hall  
Monday Evenings  
8:00 pm - 10:00pm  
Info: (805) 783-0596 or [www.slotango.org](http://www.slotango.org)
- ❖ **SCUBA DIVING w/ CenCal SCUBA**  
at Hardie Park Pool.  
Info: (805) 704-8468

## RIOS CALEDONIA ADOBE RESTORATION PROJECT

SHAUN COOPER



The restoration project to repair and preserve the Rios Caledonia Adobe was completed in the winter of 2008. Some of the improvements necessary to prevent further deterioration of the structure included: structural strengthening and rehabilitation of the attic and roof structure; installation of cored adobe wall anchors, roof to wall ties; attic diaphragm and ties to tops of walls; exterior plaster wall finish repair on south wall; exterior wall finish repair on a portion of the west wall; and a French drain on the west and south sides of the building. This project was funded by a grant from the Federal Save America's Treasure's grant program, and a matching grant from Per Capita Proposition 40 grant funding. For more information contact Shaun Cooper at (805)781-4388.

## NATIONAL TRAILS DAY CELEBRATION AND WORK PARTY AT LOPEZ LAKE

ECOSLO, in conjunction with San Luis Obispo County Parks, will be hosting a Trail Work Party in support of the National Trail Days Celebration. The work party will take place at Lopez Lake Recreation Area on **Sunday, June 7, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**. We are looking for anyone interested in helping with some much-needed maintenance on the Duna Vista Trail. Please donate some of your time and energy! A wonderful BBQ lunch will be provided to all of the volunteers that work out on the trail. Please wear sturdy shoes, bring water, work gloves, hat and sunscreen. For additional information about the event and to pre-registration please contact Holly Sletland at ECOSLO (805) 544-1777.

### CAYUCOS BEACH JUNIOR LIFEGUARDS

SLO County Parks encourages strong, young swimmers ages 10-17 to enroll in the Cayucos Beach Junior Lifeguard (CBJG) Program. This is a "skill-building" program that emphasizes healthy exercise, teamwork and most of all, FUN!

Each three-week session meets at Cayucos Beach Mondays – Fridays from 9am – 2pm. The cost is \$175 per session and includes a t-shirt, board-shorts and a Junior Lifeguard manual. Registration begins Monday, May 4. Sign up early, as space is limited.

**SESSION 1:** June 22 – July 10  
**SESSION 2:** July 20 – August 7

For detailed information go to our website at [www.slocountyparks.org](http://www.slocountyparks.org)



### 2009 ANNUAL PASSES



Do you plan on spending time with your family at one of our local lakes this summer? Purchase a 2009 Annual Boat or Vehicle Pass at either Lopez Lake or Santa Margarita Lake.

- Boat or Vehicle Pass - \$80
- Regional Pass - \$120
- Sr/Disabled Boat or Vehicle Pass - \$72
- Sr/Disabled Regional Pass - \$108

For more information contact Lopez Lake or Santa Margarita Lake by calling (805) 788-5930.



## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Fourth of July is a day for family fun. Whether you're taking a trip or looking for fireworks close to home, here is a sample of local festivities.

- Celebration and Fireworks at**
  - Shamel Park, Cambria
- Celebration and Fireworks at the**
  - Cayucos Beach and Pier
- Celebration only at**
  - Templeton Community Park
- Celebration and Fireworks at the**
  - Pismo Beach Pier
- Celebration and Fireworks at**
  - Tidelands Park in Morro Bay

## ALL IN A DAYS WORK

Congratulations to Park Staff at Lopez Lake for their life-saving efforts. Because of their rapid professional response and use of an AED, a County Park Host who suffered a heart attack while working was revived and is doing well.

The Board of Supervisors made a special acknowledgement and presentation to Nicole Ermocida, Kristin Brewster, Dan Chapman and Chuck Woodward. Great Job Everyone!



Pictured is Pete Jenny, Nicole Ermocida, Chuck Woodard, Denis Philbin, Ernie DelRio, Kristin Brewster, Ray Morawski and Dan Chapman.

## NO TROUT PLANTS? NO PROBLEM

BY: TIM FAES

Throughout the years rainbow trout have been one of the main fishing staples at Lopez Lake with populations peaking during the winter months. In recent years regular stocking of the lake, or trout plants, have been supplied via the Department of Fish and Game. Currently trout have not been planted at Lopez with the last stock having taken place on October 29, 2008.

Trout plants have ceased and the Lopez fishing faithful have had their patience tested in the past few months as the Department of Fish and Game have become embroiled in a lawsuit filed by the Center for Biological Diversity.

Close to 175 fishing locations throughout California have had trout plants halted by the lawsuit, which requests that Environmental Impact Reports be prepared, filed and approved under the California Environmental Quality Act prior to the introduction of non-native species such as Rainbow Trout.

One loophole is that the lawsuit is specifically targeted at the Department of Fish and Game and not private fish hatcheries. Fortunately in these dire economic times Lopez Lake has the support of a non-profit organization, The Friends of Lopez Lake (FOLL a subsidiary of SLOPOST), who have approved funding for two trout plants from one of the premier fish hatcheries in California, Calaveras Trout Farm.

The first plant will take place on March 31<sup>st</sup> and a month later on April 30<sup>th</sup> a second plant will be made with Calaveras' 2-6 pound Rainbow Trout. This is incredible news considering that FOLL will be hosting their 8<sup>th</sup> annual Reel-'Em-In Trout Derby on May 2 & 3, with 150 trout tagged. The angler that catches the highest number tag will receive the grand prize of \$3000! Second place for the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest tag receives \$1000 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place with the third highest tag receives \$500. Prizes will also be awarded to the three longest trout caught in a Kids (15 and under) and Adult division respectively. A raffle contest, 50/50 drawing and BBQ will also be scheduled. Volunteers are always needed and are encouraged to participate, just email Annette Fesler at [grannyfesler@aol.com](mailto:grannyfesler@aol.com).

The Trout Derby is put together exceptionally well and is a real testament to the volunteer staff and County Park employees that make sure it takes place year after year without any problems. Hopefully with the continued support of our wonderful Central Coast community, the FOLL's Reel-'Em-In Trout Derby will continue to take place for generations to come.

## CELEBRATE OUR 6TH SEASON OF THE AVILA BEACH FISH & FARMERS MARKET 2009!

Festivities kick off April 3 through September 18 on Fridays from 4-8 pm. Enjoy the fresh produce, local seafood, food booths, and live entertainment that fill the Front Street Plaza. Dance to the sunset and feast on local favorites as you support your local farmers, fishermen, restaurants, and businesses.

Special events include a sandcastle contest, sack race, harvest of the month food demos, market basket raffles, performances by Coastal Dance, and a volleyball tournament. We are grateful for our sponsors and local businesses that are committed to enhancing this event, especially The Custom House, CDF #62, Avila Beach Community Services District, South County Sanitary, TJA Advertising, and other community organizations.

Avila parking and garbage patrol needs your help. Calling all locals and visitors to help with the trash and parking challenges in Avila Beach. Assist us by carpooling, biking, or walking to the Market with your neighbors. Please recycle and help clean up during the event.

Mark your calendars for the Taste of Avila Beach Golf Tournament June 7, 2009 benefiting the Avila Beach Farmers Market Promotions and Marine Institute.

For a list of bands performing at the Market, visit [www.visitavilabeach.com](http://www.visitavilabeach.com). If you have any additional questions or need more information to become a vendor contact Julie Andrews-Scott at [coastalfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:coastalfarmersmarket@gmail.com).

See you there!



### From the Manager's Desk . . . . .

You'd have to be living in a cave not to realize that the struggling global economy is having a dramatic impact on everyone. In fact, it might have led you to live in a cave given what's happened to the housing market, mortgages, and the unemployment rate. But hopefully, if you're reading this newsletter, you're still interested in what's happening at your County Parks. Perhaps you're also looking for a bit of relief from all the bad economic news. After all, just as some people turn to the movies looking for some temporary relief, a day in your closest park can help you better cope with today's headlines. And while we're seeing budget cuts common to most public and private businesses today, County Parks still offers you and your family a wide range of options to get away from it all, if only for a few hours. The winter rains have turned our hills green and provided abundant wildflowers in the natural areas at Lopez and Santa Margarita Lakes. Our trails offer opportunities for hiking, biking and horseback riding throughout the county. County campgrounds are still a great bargain and relatively uncrowded prior to the busy tourist season of summer. Maybe it's time to get back on the links for an enjoyable round of golf. Regardless of your idea of fun and relaxation, you can probably find it at one of your County Parks' facilities. Take a break from the economic grind and go outside and play.

*Pete Jenny, Deputy Director-Parks*

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