

Spring 2021 Newsletter:

Ahhhh, Springtime. Well, its finally here, the smell of blossoms in the air, fields of green grass, birds making ready with nest building..... I do not know about you but after the roller coaster ride of 2020 I welcome the Spring season. The Spring season signifies change, a re-birth, and if there is anything, we can use right now it is a change. The restrictions are beginning to be relaxed, travel is opening, my favorite restaurants are allowing indoor dining, the weather is beginning to look like Bar-B-Que time. Horary for Spring.....

Spring also brings the re-opening of the Clear Lake Oaks-Glenhaven Catfish Derby to be held May 14-16. This derby has been held annually for over thirty years but was cancelled last year due to the Covid-19 restrictions. It is billed as the largest catfish tournament west of the Mississippi. First prize for the biggest Lunker is \$5000.00, registration and check-in begin on Thursday of Derby week at 12:00 noon at Derby Headquarters; Clearlake Oaks fire station, 12655 e. Highway 20.

Reminder: Covid-19 restrictions will be in place, so bring your mask and maintain social distancing. More information can be found at www.clearlakeoaks.org/derby or call 707-596-0248.

Spring is also the time for that time old tradition, Spring Cleaning, yep, that once 2-car garage needs to be put back in order so you can at least park one car in there. So, get out there and clean up the yard of those old dead plants and leaves. Till that flower bed and plant some color. Do not forget the water side of your home, as I cruised around the channels, I see many dilapidated, derelict docks and boats that show their old age condition. Repair, patch or disassemble any docks that are in danger of breaking apart. The POA assessment committee will be out in force issuing citations for these types of conditions.

As for cleaning up, an update on the Aquatic Plant Harvester is needed. As of this writing, our 32-year-old Harvester still sits in dry dock. It was decided to repair and patch the existing hull to get another year out of the Harvester. Hopefully, this will buy us time to build up our funds for a new Harvester or find an adequate used Harvester. Of course, this will be all for naught if we do not get any more water. The POA is also investigating the possibility of hiring an outside agency to manually harvest the aquatic weeds now that the channel beds are low and dry.

Well, I think it is time to sign off for now. I will leave you with this.

Never argue with children:

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physical impossible. The little girl said, "When I get to heaven, I will ask Jonah." The teacher asked. "what if Jonah went to hell?" The little girl replied, "then you ask him."

Keep that beer cold, the wine chilled and your lemonade sweet. Remember, our past is in our memories, our future in our dreams, today is our only reality.