



## Thank You

A very special Thank-You to Glen Heming, for his donation of this wonderful watercolour painting of the Clubhouse.

Glen and his wife Linda moved to Sonoma Pines in 2013. He started painting in early 2002 after attending a Mark Hobson watercolour-painting course in Tofino, BC with his brothers Bruce and George. In 2003, he attended a course in watercolour painting presented by Tom Lynch in Spokane. In 2004, he took a course from Graham Flatt from Lloydminster, SK. He painted for four years with the Strathmore Art Society under Debra Ward. He also painted with the Bow West group under Joan Fedoroshyn in Calgary. In 2013 and 2014 he attended painting sessions presented by Alex Fong in Summerland. In July 2016, he was accepted into the Federation of Canadian Artists as an active member.

He teaches watercolor painting at the clubhouse in the summer and in Chandler, Arizona in the winter months. If you'd like to join Glen in the Sonoma Pines Painting Club you can contact Glen at [glenheming@telus.net](mailto:glenheming@telus.net)

When Glen isn't busy golfing, painting or teaching with the painting club, he also volunteers as a member of the Maintenance Committee.

We are lucky to have such spirit and talent in our community.

Thank you very much Glen!



Donated painting by Glen Heming

## Looking for some help at the Clubhouse

If you appreciate having the clubhouse available for happy hours, special events and various activities for Sonoma Pines homeowners, we could use your assistance.

We are looking for a chair of the clubhouse committee. Responsibilities would include chairing regular meetings of the committee, setting agendas etc.

The primary responsibility of the committee is to oversee the functions and maintenance of the Sonoma Pines Club

House and to assess the needs of the clubhouse and make recommendations to the board on repairs, acquisition of equipment, and renovations to the facility. The committee currently has 11 members who are looking for someone with patience and good leadership skills to keep them organized and on task in order to maintain the clubhouse as the center for activities in our community.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss please call John at 250 681 5681.

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## Sonoma Pines Website and Sonoma Sun Newsletter

[www.sonomapines.info](http://www.sonomapines.info)

You can check here for most recent articles on the community, back issues of the newsletter, or copies of Council minutes and financial statements. Some pages are password protected so use sonomapines and you should be fine. If there is something that you would like to see on the site or in the Newsletter please email us at [sonomapinesnews@gmail.com](mailto:sonomapinesnews@gmail.com).



## SONOMA PINES NEIGHBOURHOOD BLOCK WATCH PROGRAM UPDATE

**A WATCHFUL  
NEIGHBOUR IS YOUR  
BEST BURGLAR ALARM!**

Very pleased to say that we now have committed block Watch Captains and Co-Captains for all of our community streets in Sonoma Pines with ONE exception "SIRINGO LANE!"

### A FEW SIMPLE WAYS TO DISCOURAGE BREAK-INS

#### GET POLICE ASSISTANCE

Police can help you stop crime before it happens - report strange vehicles or strange persons hanging around. Call police if you have been broken into or have something stolen from your yard. If you hear anything please call the police. RCMP-[250-768-2880](tel:250-768-2880) or Westbank First Nation Law enforcement [250-717-6147](tel:250-717-6147). Please call 911 if a crime is in progress.

#### DON'T SHOWBOAT

Leaving certain things in your yard can lure thieves. Do not leave your garage open or do not leave your car unlocked. If you have your curtains open and valuable items are in sight consider redesign to move those valuables out of sight.

#### TRICKING BURGLARS

If burglars suspect someone is home, there's a greater chance they will not attempt a break-in. Create an illusion someone is home. Leave lights on or music or the television. Perhaps put a home security system sign in your yard or window.

#### KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOURS

Getting to know the people you live around is one of the most important safety steps you can take. Closer-knit neighbourhoods generally report fewer break-in because strangers will stick out.

#### LOCK IT UP

40 % of break-ins happen without force. Do not leave doors or windows unlocked. Always lock the deadbolt. Double-check

patio and sliding doors to ensure they are locked and can withstand kicks. Ensure you always close your garage door and lock the man door from the garage.

#### DON'T LEAVE A SPARE KEY OUT

Someone may watch you retrieve a key that's hidden under the mat or flower pot. Consider using a combination lock box you can hide somewhere outside.

**Thank you Block Watch Captain** volunteers for stepping up to help our community be a safer place to live. We do this by looking out for one another.

Our Neighbourhood Block Watch Captains are:

- Linda Schopp - Mesa Vista
  - Terry and Melody Cross - Pine Vista
  - Paulette Houle - Sonoma Pines Drive
  - Heather Shapcott - Sonoma Pines Drive
  - Bob Davie - Solana Place
  - Angie Ritche - Terrero Place
  - Diane Eskildsen - Sorrento Lane
  - Violet Taylor - Alvarado Trail
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- John Fawcett - Madera Court
- Greg Johnson - Televara Place
- Dan Hovorka - Televara Place
- JIm Harris - Candalera Place
- Jon Jonasson - Candalera Place & Lane
- Garry Jabusch - Del Mar Court & Lane
- Keith Gutenberg - Delmar Court & Lane
- Anne Marleau - Verona Lane
- Linda Metcalfe - Acacia Lane

*NEIGHBOURS - KNOWING - CARING - AND LOOKING OUT FOR EACH OTHER!*

Thank you!

If your are interested in volunteering for our Neighbourhood Block Watch Program please call or email Karen Dickie - [250-575-0065](tel:250-575-0065) - [karenjdickie@shaw.ca](mailto:karenjdickie@shaw.ca)

## Club House Help cont'd

We are also looking for someone to homeowners in organizing "Friends of the Gym". The Sonoma Pines Gym has been incredibly successful since opening, drawing members from throughout the community to take advantage of the exercise equipment. As the equipment ages we need to plan to maintain and replace some of the more popular equipment, We are looking for Friends of the Gym to step forward to organize maintenance and replacement, then once that plan is in place to start fundraising to cover the expected costs of new equipment. If you are interested in keeping our Gym healthy please contact Bob McDonald at [bocamcdon@gmail.com](mailto:bocamcdon@gmail.com)

Finally we are looking for someone with a little technical expertise in the areas of sound systems and WiFi to help out occasionally with the clubhouse sound system. If you can help us out please email us at [jdscott650@gmail.com](mailto:jdscott650@gmail.com).

Thanks

## Entry Code on lower pedestrian gate



### Lower Pedestrian Gate

If you have not heard yet, the lower gate code has been changed as of September 1. Please check your emails from Kanina to see the new code number.

Thanks



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## Gardeners Corner

We are the stewards of the health of our trees in Sonoma Pines. When the trees were planted, plastic tarp and rocks were placed in the tree wells creating an unsuitably hot environment for the tree roots. This landscape method has created stress on the trees and is now evident especially after last winter's chilling cold and the heat of this summer. It now falls to us to restore and maintain the health of the trees.

Arborists recommend we ask all homeowners to remove the rocks and cut away the plastic tarp around the base of the tree to the edge of the plastic ring **leaving the tree ring in place.**

We are advised to replace the rocks with a good quality mulch such as Glenmore Grow or Ogoogo Grow. Please do not replace the rocks with plastic mulch. We are hoping that each street will organize with their neighbours to remove the rocks and place the surplus into areas where you already have rocks.

We are very pleased to see that many of our homeowners have already done this activity. For those homeowners that unable to complete this request, the community will organize a group in the



future to continue to remove the rocks from the tree wells. Please remove the rocks as soon as possible.

"It's not the tree well that's going to kill them, it's covering up the established root system that's going to do them in."

## Fundraiser/Hoedown Potluck Dinner

Approximately 60 people enjoyed an amazing pot luck dinner and social time. We are so fortunate to have talented cooks in Sonoma. The silent auction was a big hit with numerous items donated by residents. Bids were placed on paintings, jewellery, quilting, stuffed bunny, watch in a hand crafted box, wolf head designed in wood called Intarsia, decorative lamps, sorry if I missed items.

After dinner Gerry Tonn and members of Western Union, Rick Jones, Pat Jones, Elaine Becklar, Darryl Davies. The band donated their time and had enthusiastic

dancers whirling around. Thanks Western Union.

A happy resident won the raffle prize of assorted wines and another resident had the lucky 50/50 ticket. Approximately \$2,000 was raised for fire victims. Thank you everyone for participating. The Social Committee, as always, had the clubhouse decorated and worked hard to ensure another successful and memorable evening.



### Sonoma Pines Activities & Contacts

#### Quilting

Wendy MacLeod 250-899-1013

[wendyjmac@gmail.com](mailto:wendyjmac@gmail.com)

#### Painting Club

Glen Heming 250-768-0991

[glenheming@telus.net](mailto:glenheming@telus.net)

### Clubhouse Rentals

If you are interested in reserving the Sonoma Pines Clubhouse and require any information please call Jean Scheidl at 778-754-1884

Rental Forms and Insurance Information are now on line at [www.sonomapines.info](http://www.sonomapines.info) under the Clubhouse tab.

## Letters



Please send your comments and letters to  
[sonomapinesnews@gmail.com](mailto:sonomapinesnews@gmail.com)

If you are interested in past copies of the Newsletter or more information on

The Sonoma Pines Community please check out the website at:  
[sonomapines.info](http://sonomapines.info)

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## Sonoma Pines Calendar Of Events

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### Hoe Down Thank You

On behalf of the Social Committee, we would like to send out a huge thank you to everyone who either attended our Hoedown/Potluck dinner Fundraiser on August 11<sup>th</sup>, or that contributed. A very special thank you goes to Gerry Tonn and his band Western Union who donated their time to make this a very special evening of good music, good food and good friends. Also, a very special thank you goes to those that donated items for our Silent Auction. We managed to raise \$1600.00 that has been donated to the BC Wildfire Victims on behalf of Sonoma Pines. At our July Happy Hour we also raised \$200.00 which the Social Committee matched, so in total we have donated \$2000.00. Way to go Sonoma Pines, what an awesome community we live in.

#### Thank you to the following for their donations:

Sonoma Pines Quilting Club  
Helgi Eyjolfsson  
Connie & Walter Rendell  
Joan Woods  
Pam Benson  
Leslie Padwick  
Isabelle Haberman  
Lisa Murray  
Lucy Lee  
Dagmar Swift  
Sharon & Gerry McNichol  
Terry & Charlie Milazzo  
Jeannie Davie  
John & Kate Fawcett  
Carolyn Hague  
Jean Scheidl

**Western Union Band**



### Happy Hour



**Friday September 8th** 4pm -7pm. Please bring an appetizer to share, but if you are unable to the cost will be \$7.50 per person. We do try to encourage people to bring a dish to ensure we have enough for everyone. We will supply the dessert. Please bring your own refreshments. See you there!

### 4th Annual Golf Tournament

Thank you all who have registered for our September 11<sup>th</sup> Tournament.... This event is now sold out. Please remember to have your payment to Jean Scheidl 778-754-1884 [scheidls@telus.net](mailto:scheidls@telus.net), no later than August 30<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact either Jean Scheidl or Lorna Wright [lorna-wright@shaw.ca](mailto:lorna-wright@shaw.ca)



### Sonoma Pines 50's/60's Dinner Dance Friday September 29<sup>th</sup>



Again, we are very, very lucky to have a live band for this dance. One of our newer residents, Paul Hawley has very generously volunteered his band "Insiders" for our dance, so...Dust off your saddle shoes, put on your bell bottoms and wear some flowers in your hair for the Sonoma Pines 50's / 60's Dinner Dance Saturday September 29th from 5:00 to ???. Cost will be \$10.00 per person and will include Chilli, baked potatoes, salad and our Ice Cream Sundae Bar for dessert. Drinks at 5pm, Dinner at 6pm (BYOB) and Dancing at 7pm. Space is very limited, so don't be disappointed get your name down early. There will be prizes for best costume plus best jive. Come listen to some great live music and dance the night away. To register, please contact Lorna Wright 250-452-9872 [lorna-wright@shaw.ca](mailto:lorna-wright@shaw.ca) or Sharon McNichol 778-754-0777 [mcnicholgs@gmail.com](mailto:mcnicholgs@gmail.com)

### Cribbage



If anyone is interested in getting together to play cribbage on a weekly basis at the Clubhouse, please contact Jean Skeich [sharos.2010@gmail.com](mailto:sharos.2010@gmail.com)

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