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**SAVING BOLSA CHICA WETLANDS**

Once part of a 165,000 acre Spanish land grant, the Bolsa Chica presently consists of approximately 1550 acres of undeveloped coastal wetland and adjacent upland areas. Native Americans once lived on the upland mesas, gathering shellfish and other edibles from the wetlands. In 1900, the tidal nature of the wetland was essentially destroyed when the natural ocean inlet to the wetland was closed to improve duck hunting. Since then, the area has been used for agriculture, cattle grazing, military coastal artillery emplacements and oil production.



In 1973, as part of a controversial land swap, the State of California acquired approximately 300 acres of wetlands adjacent to Pacific Coast Highway. A portion of this was restored by the state in 1979 to become the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve. The remaining acreage was retained in private hands. Planning for the construction of a massive marina, commercial and residential development was quickly underway. The plan was drastically reduced in 1989 through the settlement of a lawsuit filed by the Amigos. In 1997 the state acquired 880 acres of Bolsa Chica wetlands and another 41 acres was acquired in 2005, bringing public ownership of the Bolsa Chica to over 1200 acres. Wetland restoration of nearly 600 acres of Bolsa Chica was begun in 2004. In the summer of 2006 seawater flowed into the restored wetland for the first time in over 100 years. The Bolsa Chica wetland restoration was the largest coastal wetland restorations ever undertaken in Southern California.

**PETROLEUM CLUB 3636 LINDEN AVE. 562-427-7966**  
Presiding: VAL LERCH  
Invocation: CHARLIE QUAIFFE  
Program Arranged by: PP MEL NUTTER

**Guests welcome!**

**PP MEL NUTTER COD**

MEL has practiced law in Long Beach since 1965 with an emphasis on land use, environmental, estate planning and trust law. His official involvement in environmental matters commenced in the 1960s as the Chair and the Conservation Chair of the Long Beach Group of the Sierra Club. Thereafter, he chaired the Sierra Club's Los Angeles Chapter Coastal Committee. From 1973 to 1977 he was the Chair of the City of Long Beach Citizens Advisory Environmental Committee.

From 1977 through 1985, thanks to appointments first by the State Senate Rules Committee and subsequently by the Speaker of the Assembly, he was a member of the California Coastal Commission and served as its Chair during the last three years of his tenure. As the Commission's Chair, he also was on the Board of the State Coastal Conservancy.



"For many years, MEL was the Chair of the League for Coastal Protection (a statewide citizen's organization that engaged in lobbying, advocacy and litigation) and is a former member and Chair of the Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters. Currently, he serves on the board of Amigos de Bolsa Chica. In addition, he represents clients opposing, as well as those seeking approval of, projects in California's Coastal Zone. MEL is also a past president of this club (1992-1993) and continues to serve as a member of the Charities Committee.



## RETROSPECTIVE, OCTOBER 19, 2018

Petroleum Club, VAL LERCH presiding. Invocation: CHARLIE QUAIFFE. Song/salute: PP MARILYN RUSSELL BITTLE. Piano: A. Cappella. Announcements: PP LINDA WEINGARTNER got a call from Alice SEXTON. DARRYL's dialysis has been further reduced and he hopes to return to Lions soon. PP GARTH recounted the visitation to Bellflower Family. We had five (meeting our min) and they had three. But, said GARTH, it was a lively and interesting meeting with many ideas for meetings shared. PCC ROGER POWELL called for another volunteer to assist with the IPs visit. CLAUDIA HARDEN reminded all of the Halloween party next Friday. VAL also reminded us of the District Diabetes Expo Nov. 10. The Holiday party is still in planning. He also called for volunteers for the B&G Thanksgiving dinners (see column right). PDG JUDITH OLMSTED POWELL gave status of the 100% Club effort. All active members have paid or pledged. PDG DENNIS DRAG, in MYRA KREMEN's absence, honored the October birthdays and GARTH did the same for the anniversaries. CLAUDIA called for Happy Bucks and got several from herself (visited family in Seattle, STEVE HUHTA's purple shirt—almost Northwestern colors,

FRED GERLACH walks on water); ROGER (the IP will be on Ojai on Monday); LINDA (she and YOURS TRULY will also be in Ojai on Monday); MEL NUTTER (bumped into RYAN HIROTA the other day, encouraged him to come to Lions someday); JUDY (Illinois lost to Northwestern who is now tops in the Big10); VAL (Dodger wins); PP LINCOLN ODELL (in Portland to celebrate recognition of drummer son Greg); MARILYN (pins in shoulder, Dodgers); RICK PINSON (go MSU, beat Michigan); SAM KELLY (has new Cal driver's license); GARTH (Kent State, most penalized team in Division 1, also has the longest losing streak); Charlie (bathroom done); YOURS TRULY (Dodger Cody Bellinger). The 50/50, run by DONNA KELLY, was won by RICK. LINDA, in prepping for out speaker found "50 things to do in Long Beach" and based her questions on that. She then intro'd Blair Cohn of the Bixby Knolls Business Improvement Association. Blair outlined the many advances during his tenure and regretted only that the contract between the BIA and the Redevelopment Office ends in two years. There is much left to do.



## Nov. 9—Board meeting

Program Manager— PP MEL NUTTER  
Nov. 16—Charlie Parkin, City Attorney

## B&G THANKSGIVING DINNER

We will serve on Nov. 14th and 15th, 4pm. See you there! The 14th is at Bret Harte, the 15th is McKinley. Volunteer now! Please!

## VETS DAY PARADE

Steps off on Nov. 10. Houghton Park! Be there! Wear your Lions stuff!

## CALENDAR

### November

- 4—District meeting
- 9—Board meeting
- 10—Vet's Day parade
- 12—Salvation Army project
- 14—B&G Club T'giving dinner
- 15—B&G Club T'giving dinner
- 22—Thanksgiving
- 23—Dark! Thanksgiving

### December

- 4—Membership Committee
- 10—Salvation Army project
- 14—Board meeting
- 22—Dark! Christmas
- 25—Christmas
- 28—Dark! New Years
- 31—New Years Eve

### January

- 11—Board meeting
- 14—Salvation Army project
- 21—King Day

### February

- 8—Membership meeting
- 8-10-MD4 Convention
- 11—Salvation Army project
- 12—Board meeting
- 14—Valentine's Day
- 18—President's Day
- 28—Chinese dinner

### March

- 8—Board meeting
- 17—St. Patrick's Day

### April

- 2—Membership meeting
- 12—Board meeting
- 25—Theater Night

### May

- 10—Board meeting
- 17-19 4L2 Convention
- 24—Dark, Memorial Day
- 27—Memorial Day

### June

- 4—Membership Committee
- 14—Board meeting

### July

- 5—Dark! Labor Day
- 12—Board meeting

