

Volunteer News

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

June - August 2004

Outdoor Service Projects Hit Record Highs!



From Paul's Desk...

I was sitting at my desk the other day wondering what it would be like to still have *summer vacation* — a 3-month break from the daily grind. Thoughts of weekly visits to SBC Park for home runs and hot dogs danced through my head. I envisioned sitting on the beach reading Harry Potter VI, *The Volunteer of Hogwarts* and munching on great tasting Jenny Craig snacks.

This was getting pretty good. I had to sit back and put my feet up so I could expand my mind.

Mornings would be spent debating between mountain biking at Russian Ridge or hiking at Windy Hill, *grande* or *venti*, ESPN or Fox Sports. No early morning alarm meant I could stay up until 10:00 or even later. Heck, I could go dancing! With all that bike riding and hiking, I might even be able to fit into that old canary yellow leisure suit with the giant-cuffed print shirt, white shoes, and ... **WHAM!**

The sound of an interdepartmental envelope hitting your inbox can simultaneously send daydreams into the abyss and feet to the floor. And no one ever looked good reviewing a file while wearing a leisure suit, so I concluded my *endless summer* dream and jolted back to reality.

To the novice cubicle-ian, this envelope might have looked like any other piece of Mt. Inbox. But today, this recycled 10"x 13" document holder with the string-locking mechanism and multi-use *Deliver To* lines held the May 20 project paperwork. Otherwise known as the 32nd project of the year!

I remembered back (not too many years ago) when this number represented the annual goal for total projects. Now, I was reviewing the 32nd summary prior to Memorial Day.

All it takes is a calculator, four barefoot Volunteer Coordinators, and some caffeine to realize that this calculates to a lot of projects.

On behalf of the Community Programs Department, I salute the many volunteers who have graciously donated their time and effort to this incredible accomplishment. I would also like to thank the District field staff members who go the extra mile to make sure each project is safe, educational, and fun.

People sometimes ask me what the difference is between pick'in weeds and removing invasive, non-native vegetation. It's definitely the people. A weed is a weed. But a well-planned day filled with plenty of tools, experienced leadership, and the best group of volunteers around — now that's an **EVENT!**

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Colonel Mustard, In the Front Meadow, With the Weed-wrench

A Few Details About the 32 Projects...

The Players

CA Native Plant Soc.
Crew Leaders
Gunn High School
Menlo Middle School
Preserve Partners
Sierra Singles
Temple Beth Jacob
Youth Comm. Service

The Locations

Bear Creek Redwoods
El Corte de Madera Creek
La Honda Creek
Rancho San Antonio
Long Ridge
Mills Creek
Picchetti Ranch
Russian Ridge
Skyline Ridge
Los Trancos
Monte Bello
Pulgas Ridge
Sierra Azul
Thornewood

The Tasks

- Fence Construction
- Trail Restoration
- Habitat Restoration
- Retaining Wall Construction
- Invasive, non-native Vegetation Removal
- Ranch Fence Painting



Preserve Partners Summer 2004 Outdoor Service Projects

June

**Skyline
Ridge**

Saturday, June 5
9:30 – 3:30
Habitat Restoration
Project

**Sierra Azul
Rancho de Guadalupe**

Tuesday, June 8
9:30 – 3:30
Vegetation Mgmt
Project

**Sierra Azul
Jacques Ridge**

Saturday, June 26
9:30 – 3:30
Fence Construction
Project

July

**Rancho
San Antonio**

Saturday, July 10
9:30 – 3:30
Habitat Restoration
Project

**Long
Ridge**

Saturday, July 17
9:30 – 3:30
Fence Construction
Project

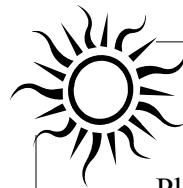
**El Sereno
(above Saratoga/LG)**

Thursday, July 22
9:30 – 2:30
Fence Construction
Project

August

**La Honda Creek
Red Barn Area**

Saturday, August 28
9:30 – 3:30
Ranch Fence
Construction Project



**Special Note
Regarding Project Times**

Please note: As the weather can get quite warm during the summer months, most projects conclude prior to the scheduled 3:30 pm end time.

To volunteer or for more information, please contact
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(650) 691-1200 or volunteer@openspace.org

Volunteer Trail Patrol

10 Volunteers Join Program

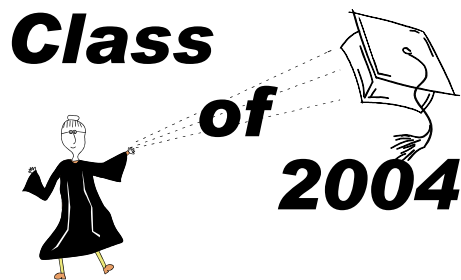
The District's Volunteer Trail Patrol program continues to grow! In early April, 10 new members completed the annual orientation and training program and are already hitting the trails.

It was an enthusiastic and energetic group of volunteers that attended the informational sessions. Participants learned about the many facets of the District, participated in visitor contact scenarios, and mastered the on-line reporting procedures. They were very attentive throughout the sessions, and the training program feedback was very positive.

The entire group shared the feeling that helping other preserve visitors and reporting trail conditions was a productive and rewarding way to 'give something back' to the wonderful open space trails they enjoy so much!

Special thanks and congratulations to the "Class of 2004" and to the District staff and volunteers who helped lead the spring training program.

Welcome aboard!



Bernard Aboussouan	Greg Ayres
Pam Brands	Gerry Brown
Steve Brugler	Joe Eandi
Colleen Gray	Lindamarie Guardado
Tom Metcalf	Marie Somma

A Very Special Thank You

Spring 2004 Volunteers

Rainey Alleman	Doug Hembry	Jon Pollick
Rodger Alleman	David Horine	Dena Porter
Jennifer Alvidrez	Jane Huber	Adda Quinn
Barbara Arnoldussen	Gayle Jarvinen	Ted Raczek
Bart Balocki	Matthew Jockers	Fran Rappaport
Rick Barnes	Kathleen Jones	Michael Rappaport
Deborah Bergfeld	Trish Kaspar	Richie Rasor
David Berkstresser	Aparna Kapur	Steve Reagan
Montie Borders	Jack Kay	Victoria Reeder
Clara Buellesbach	Jacob Kay	Bruce Rosenthal
CA Native	Kevin Kinsella	Vicki Rosenthal
Plant Society	Rajesh Krishnan	Luc Roux
John Cantalupi	Susan Kritzik	Trevor Rowland
Barbara Cantalupi	Kevin Kruep	Karl Rowley
Dorothy Carlson	Larry Levine	Kat Rudd
Ted Carlson	Howard Levitan	Tina Rushing
Diane Cassidy	Don Lorenzen	Gerry Ryan
Castilleja School	Gak-Wee Low	Birgit Sauer
Carolyn Chaney	John Malecki	Drew Scott
Rosabel Chang	George Mansfield	Ed Scott
Steven Chang	Erik McFarland	Sierra Singles
Meichu Cheng	Kathleen McGall	Barbara Simpson
Jim Citta	Joan Meehan	Dennis Smith
Tom Cochrane	Menlo Middle	Dave Speicher
Colorado College	School	Jamie Speicher
Sue Cooper	Paul Mennega	Tracie Stamp
Wilson Cooper	Tom Morse	Ulf Stauber
Frank Crossman	Allen Mulch	Elizabeth Stillman
Harlan Crowder	Steve Muther	Temple Beth Jacob
Pat Dallam	Larry Myers	David Tharp
Arthur Deex	Leighton Nakata	Carlos Tovar
Genie Deex	Fran Naylor	Liang Tue
Fletch Dobbs	Jim Naylor	Alex Vago
Jon Easterbrook	Claudia Newbold	Amy Wang
Dee Eduardo	Jill Kilty-Newburn	Tim Watson
Debbie Ellis	Christal Niederer	Eric Werner
Judy Fenerty	Martin Odian	Chuck Wilson
Karla Fernandez	Oracle Corp	Susan Woita
Kristi Frederick	Erin Oronte	Stella Yang
Gunn High	Mary Oronte	Jason Yoo
School	Elaine Outler	Youth Comm.
Florent Haik	Angela Owen	Service
Paul Hammer	Stuart Palmer	
Sue Hanrahan	Bob Pariani	
Mike Harper	Kevin Paskett	
Paul Heiple	Shannon Perryman	

Bulletin Board



Regulations Review

SECTION 404. FIRES



404.1 General

No person shall light, build, maintain, or attempt to light, build, or maintain, a fire of any nature on District lands, except in permanent fixed barbecues, camp stoves or fireplaces established by the District. A fire shall include, but not be limited to, any campfire, ground fire, warming fire, signal candle, smudge stick, flare, fuse, or any other incendiary device. This shall not apply to the permitted use of gas camp stoves or gas lanterns when used in designated camping areas.

404.2. Smoking

No person shall smoke on District Lands, except in designated areas.

Regulations for Use of MROSD Lands Ordinance 93-1

Volunteer News is a quarterly newsletter containing information about the District's volunteer programs. Please direct all questions or comments to Volunteer Programs Coordinator Paul McKowan.

Thanks and good reading.

Disclaimer:

It is not the intent of this newsletter's author to poke fun at, ridicule, or humiliate in any way individuals who choose to review files while wearing a leisure suit. The reference to leisure suits on page 1 is simply a cheap attempt at humor and does not necessarily reflect the panache fashion style of other District staff.