



# The Wolf's Howl

The Voice of Camp Timberwolf — Home of Troop 212 Summer 2017

## Oro-Quincy Highway Closed

Oro-Quincy Highway was washed out in a couple of locations near Mountain House in Butte County this winter and is impassible. There is no opening date estimate. The alternate route is to take Highway 70 to Quincy and Bucks Lake Road to Bucks Lake.

## Camp Timberwolf Board Elections

Elections were held at the January 2017 Board meeting. The following officers were reelected:

- President – Rich Holden
- Vice-President of Administration – Dick Ayres
- Vice-President of Camp Operations – Mike Hulbert
- Secretary – Bob Green
- CFO – Joe Cunningham

Tom McIntosh resigned as a Director and was elected a Director Emeritus.

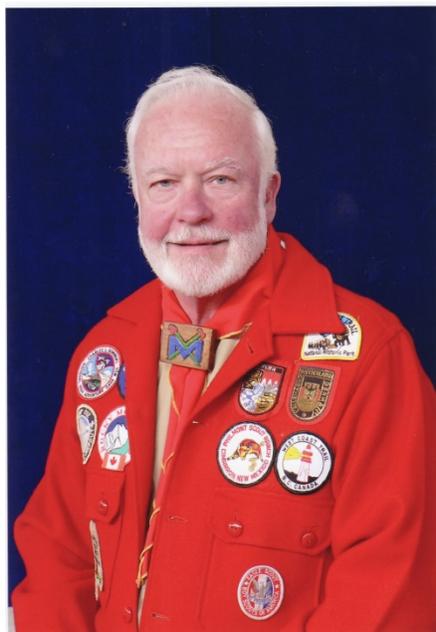
Other Directors include Steve Bartis, Burt Benson, Norris Boren, John Drennan, Tony McKenzie, Brad Whittaker, and Nellie Wilkerson.

Directors Emeriti include Don Bonander, Don Drennan, Frank Jackson, Tom McIntosh, Rudi Metzner, and Jim Stoutamore.

## Remembering Friends of Camp Timberwolf

Camp Timberwolf recently lost long-time Director Burt “Admiral B” and former CFO Bill Lind. Obituaries for both are included.

## In Memory – Burt “Admiral B” Benson



**Admiral Burton O Benson**

December 23, 1934 – April 21, 2017

Burton (Burt) O. Benson was born in 1934 to Leonard and Esther (Nelson) Benson, and raised in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was the younger brother of Glendon M. Benson, who predeceased Burt in 2009. Burt moved through the ranks of scouting – Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Explorer Scout, and Eagle Scout. He graduated from the University of Minnesota in Mechanical Engineering and

was commissioned an Ensign in the U.S. Navy. He earned a Master’s Degree in Oceanography and served as Assistant Professor of Naval Science at Oregon State University. While in Corvallis, he was involved in the NROTC unit. In recent years, he supported the NROTC program at UC Berkeley. During his years in the US Navy (1963-1989) Burt rose to the rank of Rear Admiral.

He married Tilson Elizabeth (Liz) Craft of Lafayette, Louisiana (1969). Burt and Liz moved to Orinda in the early 1970’s and joined MVPC. Liz and Burt had three sons, Eric, Mark, and Brad, who all became Eagle Scouts. Burt took a major part in the activities of the church, becoming an adult Scout leader, an Elder and an adult leader on twelve Mexico mission trips, building home for the needy. During this time, Burt became known affectionately as “Admiral B” to several generations of MVPC youth and adults. He was a director of Camp Timberwolf.

As a Scouter, Burt served as Committee Chairman of Troop 212 (the MVPC-based troop), and was a leader of the high adventure program, trekking on the west coast, canoeing in the upper mid-west and biking in Germany. He was awarded the Silver Beaver, which is the highest award for Scout leaders.

In 1988, Burt became President and CEO of ERG, a family-owned Engineering and Aero-

space Corporation, located in Oakland, California, until his retirement in 2014.

A memorial service was held on June 10, 2017, at Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church.

## In Memory – Bill Lind



**William George Lind**

March 5, 1933 - March 7, 2017

Bill Lind passed into his heavenly home on March 7, 2017 in Moraga.

Born to Freda Hein Lind and William McEwen Lind in Oakland on March 5, 1933, Bill attended Piedmont schools and graduated from Piedmont High in 1951. He served as student body president and played End for the Highlanders football team. Bill graduated from UC Berkeley in 1955 with a B.S. in Business Administration and as a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He then served in the US Air Force as a Navigator from 1956 to 1958.

After military service, Bill went to work for Chevron in the information technology department and earned his M.S. in Management Science from San Francisco State in 1966. He met Elaine at a

Young Republicans meeting in Oakland. They married in 1968 and moved to Moraga where they raised their two children, Mark and Tracy. Bill was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis at the age of 50 and continued to work for Chevron until retirement in 1993. He spent his early retirement years as a peer counselor for the MS Society of Northern California and enjoyed traveling with Elaine on a number of Bear Treks trips. Throughout his life, Bill enjoyed collecting rocks, minerals, native American artifacts, tools, and books, sometimes purchasing them twice and even reading a few. Most of all he enjoyed being with family, whom he loved more than anything.

Bill leaves behind his loving wife Elaine; son Mark Lind, daughter-in-law Debbie and grandchildren Kate and John; daughter Tracy, son-in-law Matt Broback and grandchildren Emma and Nicholas and other family and friends.

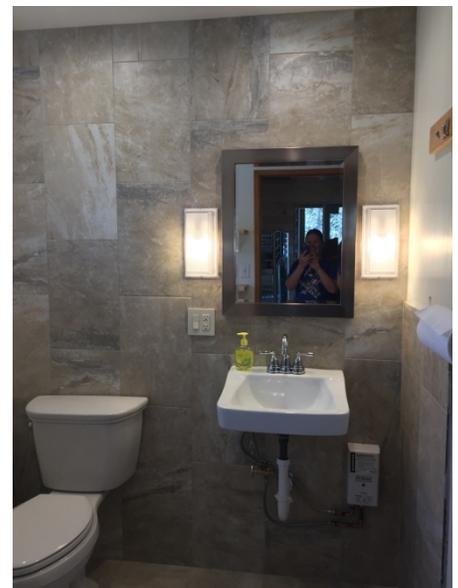
Bill will be best remembered for his kind and gentle spirit, unbeatable positive attitude, warm smile, and infectious laugh. A memorial service was held at Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church on March 24, 2017

## Camp Improvements and Repairs

The Spring Work Party performed several camp improvements and repairs in addition to the regular annual maintenance tasks. The larger 2016 projects included:



**Restrooms:** The restroom improvements included new sinks and faucets in the women's room, a new urinal in the men's room, new partitions, and a new coat of paint.



**Cabin 3:** The bathroom was upgraded with new tile (a big thank you to Carlos Marroquin). A new window replaced the old one. The siding on the front of the building was replaced. A new barn-style snow cover was added to the front door.



**Mess Hall:** The floor was leveled after the heavy snow loads this winter. Slabs of red fir replaced the counter along the side of the room.

**Annual Maintenance:** The annual maintenance items include initiating the water system was for the season, removing dead trees, fallen tree branches and other debris, repairing winter damage, putting up the parachute, and draining the water system at the end of the season.

Thank you to Vice President Mike Hulbert for organizing and overseeing the work and Kristin Hulbert for feeding the hungry helpers. Thank you to contributors who help pay for this work and thank you to all of the volunteers from the Board, Troop 212, and other friends of Camp Timberwolf for their hard work. If you would like to volunteer to help with either the spring or fall work party, please talk to one of the officers or directors.

## Lake Usage

Use extreme caution when swimming in Lower Bucks Lake. There are cold currents in places that can cause strong swimmers to suddenly have difficulties. Never swim alone and always have adult supervision of children and youth in the water.

Please leave the raft anchored in place where it belongs. We have had damage to the ladder and deck when the raft was moved closer to shore, and then ran aground when the lake level dropped.

The canoes need be chain locked to a tree at the beach when not in use. **Life jackets must be worn by everyone** in the canoes. Life jackets are available and must be returned to the storage container. All other boats are privately owned and not available to renters without prior arrangement.

## Garbage Dumpsters

The garbage dumpsters are picked up on Wednesdays, so please show courtesy to the next camping group by leaving space in the dumpsters at the end of your stay. If you generate so much garbage that you would fill the dumpsters at the end of your stay, then

please take some of it with you to dispose at home or at a local landfill. If your group expects to generate extra garbage, please let Rich Holden know when you confirm your reservation, so that an extra dumpster can be ordered.

Remember to empty all garbage cans at the camp every night and always lock the dumpsters to keep the garbage away from the bears.

## Please Donate to Camp Timberwolf

Camp Timberwolf is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization and all donations are tax deductible. We try to cover operating expenses with our camper fees, but rely upon donations for funding camp improvements and camper scholarships. In addition to cash donations, we can also accept donations of stock. Note that donations of appreciated stock may have tax advantages by avoiding capital gains taxes. **Send donations to PO Box 134, Moraga, CA 94556.** If you have any questions about donations, please contact our Donations Chairman, Don Drennan at 925-283-1790 or [DonDrennan@gmail.com](mailto:DonDrennan@gmail.com).

You can also contribute to Camp Timberwolf through the Amazon Smile program. See our [web site](#) or [Facebook page](#) for details.

## Camp Timberwolf on Internet & Facebook

Camp Timberwolf has a web site at <http://camptimberwolf.org> and a Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CampTimberwolf>.

## 2017 Reservation Schedule

Date	Group	Contact
May 24 (Wed) – 26	Open the water system	Mike Hulbert/Rich Holden
May 27 – 28 (Sun)	BSA Troop 212 work party	Tony McKenzie
May 27 – Jun 9 (Fri)	Opening work party	Mike Hulbert
Jun 9 – 11	Tona Family Reunion	Neil Tona
Jun 11 – 17	TBD	Rich Holden
Jun 17 – 24	Plumas-Sierra 4H Youth	Kerri O'Reilly
Jun 24 – Jul 1	McHugh Family	Cheryl McCarthy
July 1 – 5 (Wed)	MVPC Family Camp	Don Drennan
Jul 6 (Thurs) – 8	MVPC Dad's Adventure	Ryan Wagner
Jul 8 – 15	Spinfarkle Family	David Howe
Jul 15 – 21 (Fri)	Robak Family	John Robak
Jul 21 – 29	BSA Troop 212	John Drennan
Jul 29 – Aug 5	Graves Family	John Graves
Aug 6 – 12	TBD	Rich Holden
Aug 12 – 19	Bay Area Rescue Mission	Tim Hammack
Aug 19 – 26	Bay Area Rescue Mission	Tim Hammack
Aug 26 – Sep 1 (Fri)	TBD	Rich Holden
Sep 1 – 4 (Mon)	Robinson Family	Tim & Heidi Kinsinger
Sep 4 – 16	World Impact/Bay Community Fellowship	Curtis Flemming
Sep 16 – Oct 3	TBD	Rich Holden
Oct 3 – 11	Closing work party	Mike Hulbert

Dates are Saturdays unless otherwise noted  
(Subject to change)