

Palisades PROMENADE

A Newsletter for Grand Pacific Palisades Homeowners and Guests



All Spruced Up

With the arrival of the New Year, the Maintenance and Housekeeping departments really cleaned house. They worked long and hard to make this year's Maintenance Week's Program better than ever, and we're proud to say they achieved that goal. Here are just a few of the projects these great departments successfully completed.

In Phase One, Villas C and D, all the carpet was replaced, as were kitchen cabinet doors and drawer fronts. And in all condos, much was accomplished.

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Mark Your Calendar

Join us for the Annual Homeowners Association Celebration and Meeting!

Saturday April 26th, 2008

See enclosed insert for details.

Resort Helps Comfort **FIRE VICTIMS**

The wildfires in late October were widely publicized, but as President of your Association, I wanted to fill you in on Grand Pacific Palisades' involvement. Though they were not directly impacted by the fire or any evacuation, the impact on the resort was still very significant.

As evacuation announcements were increasing and getting closer to Carlsbad, Grand Pacific Resorts realized that our local Owner base and employees were among the evacuees. They prepared several rooms to serve those needs. Many Owners were pleased to find their "home away from home" was a safe haven. Palisades established a hospitality room in the clubroom with cots, blankets, water and other supplies and set up an information board with hourly updates in the lobby. Management staff stayed on property throughout the event. They also donated linen, blankets, soap and other supplies to the El Camino mall shelter. I personally visited Grand Pacific Palisades and witnessed how caring our people in the Grand Pacific Resorts family are in reacting so unselfishly and commend Jay Anderson and his staff.

Finally, I have to acknowledge the efforts of our Management Company, Grand Pacific Resort Services. Through their contacts at RCI, they applied



enough pressure to ensure that every exchange guest that stayed at a San Diego County Grand Pacific resort during the fires was reimbursed with an extra week in their account!

I feel very fortunate to be a small part of this outstanding resort.

Dr. Joseph P. Spirito, President
Grand Pacific Palisades Resort
Owners Association, Inc.

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The entry doors and frames were painted, the sinks and tubs were re-grouted and caulked and bedrooms and bathrooms were painted. All air filters were replaced, as were the batteries in the smoke detectors and in the entry doors. But our busy team didn't stop there. They also cleaned the refrigerator coils and bathroom exhaust fan motors.

We are zealously committed to maintaining the resort in the best possible condition, and we're all spruced up for your arrival. As always, we'll be here to greet you with smiling faces and ready to help you settle in for a great vacation.



Good News from the Reservation Department

We have three announcements, all about new ways to help make the reservation process even more convenient for you.



We now have a staff of professional Resort Specialists totally dedicated to helping only our owners. And to better serve you, we also have new hours of operation:

Monday – Thursday: 7am – 7pm

Friday – Sunday: 8am – 5pm

Finally, we have a new 800 number: **800-568-3515** or (800-GPPR HOA)

Check it out by calling now to make your 2008 or 2009 reservation. Please know that we're here to provide all the help you need in planning your next vacation.

Owner Services & RCI present **VACATION Ownership 101**

Reservations are required for all Vacation Ownership Classes. Please call Owner Services at 888-477-6967 to reserve your attendance and verify date, place and times.

2008 Class Schedule

March 22

April 5, April 26

May 10, May 31

June 14, June 28

Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

January 23, 2008 – President Joseph Spirito called the meeting to order at 10:05am. Board members in attendance were Dr. Joseph Spirito, Linda Simkins, David Brown, Robert Shipley and Mary Dieckmann. Representing management were Jay Anderson, General Manager, Scott Humberstone, Assistant General Manager and Eric Siegel, Director

of Resorts. Lois Sklar took the minutes.

The following actions took place:

The Board approved the Agenda and the Minutes from the January 23, 2008 Board of Directors' Meeting.

The Board approved the Agenda and the Minutes from the October 17, 2007 Board of Directors' Meeting.



An overview of Front Desk operations, Housekeeping, Maintenance, Activities, and Landscaping was presented.

Note: If you wish to have a copy of the Minutes for your records, please send your request along with a (\$.63) stamped self-addressed envelope to Grand Pacific Resort Services, L.P., 5900

Batiquitos Lagoon A Great Getaway

Get back to nature at the Batiquitos Lagoon in Carlsbad and view some of San Diego's natural flora and fauna. This ecological reserve can be seen and experienced from many nature trails.



The Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center offers a number of activities. For visitors who want to follow the lagoon trail individually, the Lagoon Foundation has produced a trail guide. Another great way to enjoy the lagoon is to take a guided tour with a docent from the Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation. Remember to take some time and unwind with the entire family at beautiful Batiquitos Lagoon. ***It's a great getaway.***



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The Board approved the Marketing and Sales Agreement between Advanced Commercial Corporation and Grand Pacific Palisades Owners Association regarding the sale of Association weeks, Owner weeks and ACC weeks.

The Board directed Management to evaluate extending the resort's quiet hours to a later time.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35am.

0 Pasteur Court, Suite 200, Carlsbad, CA 92008, Attn: Lois Sklar.

Upcoming Meetings

Saturday, April 26

At Grand Pacific Palisades
Board Meeting – 12:30pm
Annual Owners Meeting – 2pm

Wednesday, July 16

10am at Grand Pacific Palisades

Wednesday, October 15

10am at Grand Pacific Palisades

Note: Owners are welcome to attend any regular Board meeting. Board meeting agendas are posted at the resort four days prior to the meeting. If you would like a copy of the final agenda for any Board meeting mailed to you, please contact your Resort Manager prior to the meeting. Since meeting times and location are subject to change, please contact your Resort Manager in advance to reconfirm the exact time and location.

Owner Benefits



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Southern California Calendar of Events

December 26 - March 31

Whale Watching – Join naturalists from the Birch Aquarium at Scripps for a three-and-a-half hour narrated cruise that includes gray whale artifacts, specimens and a take-home information packet on the gray whale. Binoculars are available to rent. For information, call 800-442-7847 or visit their website at www.sdhe.com.

February 15 - May 15

A Day in Pompeii – Come experience the legend and human drama of Pompeii at the San Diego Natural History Museum, Balboa Park. Cost: \$7 - \$22. For more information, visit www.sdpompeii.org.



February 29 - March 2

Spring Home and Garden Show – Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the Del Mar Fairgrounds will host a show aimed at giving attendees the opportunity to learn gardening firsthand from a panel of seasoned professionals.

Opening March 1

The Flower Fields at Carlsbad

One of Carlsbad's visual pleasures, the flower fields will be open for visitors on March 1. Check out the 2008 blooms.

April 17-May 4

63rd Annual Del Mar National Horse Show

For more than 60 years the Del Mar National Horse Show has been one of the most respected, distinguished and popular equestrian events in Southern California. Consisting of three disciplines – Dressage, Western, and Hunter/Jumper – the Del Mar National Horse Show is a delight for competitors, as well as a great spectator event. Visit www.sdfair.com for more information.



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YOU'RE INVITED!

Annual Homeowners' Meeting

Come Celebrate Your Ownership With Us! Bring your immediate family for a day of Food and Fun! The festivities will include a Complimentary Barbecue, Awesome Raffle Drawing, Activities for the Kids and Door Prizes for Everyone!

Saturday April 26th, 2008

12-1:30pm – Complimentary Barbecue

Enjoy Hamburgers and Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs, Chicken Breast Sandwiches, Veggie Burgers, Chips, Caesar Salad, Brownies and Ice Cream Sandwiches while getting to know your fellow owners.

– Activities for Kids of all Ages

Games, activities, entertainment and prizes!

– Roundtable Seminars

Grand Pacific Resort Services and RCI will be hosting concurrent informational seminars on how to get the most out of your vacation ownership.

2-3:30pm – Annual Owners Meeting

Conducted by your president, Dr. Joseph Spirito in the Ballroom. There will be time allotted for questions and answers. Your children are welcome to remain at the BBQ area, where the Activities staff will be offering fun for all the kids!

**RSVP by April 15th
and receive an
additional Raffle Ticket!**

**RSVP with Owner Services Today!
Call 888-477-6967**



IT'S TIME for the Annual Owner Meeting and Proxy Solicitation

The annual meeting of the members of the Grand Pacific Palisades Resort Owners Association will be held on **April 26, 2008 at 2pm at the Grand Pacific Palisades Ballroom**. You are urged to fill in, date, sign and return the enclosed postage-paid proxy card whether or not you plan to attend the meeting. Such action will not affect your right to vote in person should you decide to attend.

If a quorum of the membership is not present at the meeting, either in person or by proxy, the Association may be required to adjourn and reschedule the meeting at an additional expense to the Association, which is paid from your assessments. Therefore, you are urged to complete, sign and return the proxy card immediately.

By signing and returning the proxy card, you, as an owner and member of Grand Pacific Palisades Resort Owners Association, appoint the President of the Corporation, Dr. Joseph Spirito, as Proxyholder unless an alternate Proxyholder is named. (Note that the proxyholder must be in attendance at the Annual Meeting.) With full power of substitution, he will vote and otherwise represent you at the annual meeting on **April 26, 2008**, and at any reconvening thereof. He will vote your membership as fully as you would if you were personally present, upon such business as may properly come before the meeting. You may revoke this proxy in writing at any time and it will not be used if you attend the meeting and vote in person. The proxy will be voted as you indicate and, if no indication has been made, it will be voted as the Proxyholder deems advisable on the matters set forth above.

You will find statements from the various candidates on the enclosed insert.

Note: Checking the blank marked "withhold" will ensure that your proxy will not be voted, but will still count toward the quorum requirement.





Board of Directors STATEMENT OF CANDIDATES

David Brown (*Incumbent*)
Carlsbad, CA

EDUCATION - BA Columbia College, NY; JD University of Virginia Law School

QUALIFYING EXPERIENCE - I currently serve as a Board Member at Grand Pacific Palisades. In addition, I'm Co-President of Grand Pacific Resorts. From 1980 to 1988 I served as general counsel to Vistana Resort in Orlando, Florida, and learned a great deal about how one of the largest, most successful and reputable timeshare resorts in the world operates. From 2000 to 2005, I served as chairman of the California chapter of ARDA (American Resort Development Association based in D.C.), and have worked with the California and Florida legislatures on matters relating to vacation ownership for 20 years.

OBJECTIVES - Grand Pacific Palisades is a Gold Crown Resort in every sense of the word. It takes a group of committed professionals to maintain guest service levels at the high standards we all expect. The resort must continue to work diligently to maintain and upgrade our facilities and amenities. Our resort staff, with their great sense of camaraderie, continually performs "above and beyond."

My goal is to provide the highest quality vacation experience possible for our owners, exchangers and their guests, and to continue to work as a team with the Board and the hotel management to accomplish our goals. I think maintenance fees must remain moderate as compared to other California timeshare resorts, while striving to keep our quality ratings in the top 10-15% statewide. I believe that Palisades offers the best family fun vacation experience in the entire timeshare system worldwide, and I am proud to be part of it. I appreciate your support.

Robert Shipley (*Incumbent*)
Carlsbad, CA

EDUCATION - UC Riverside (Cum Laude), UC Davis, Martin Luther King School of Law

QUALIFYING EXPERIENCE - I have had my own law practice in Carlsbad since 1983 with an emphasis in Business, Employment and Real Estate litigation. I founded the Small Business Resources Committee for the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce and was President of the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce in 1996 and elected Chair of the Economic Enhancement Council for 1997. I have been four times elected President of the North San Diego County Children's Museum, and for the last five years have served on the Board of Directors for Tri-City Christian Schools. Finally, I serve on several community association boards, and have been engaged by the Management Company and Developer on several occasions to assist with avoiding and defending litigation disputes.

OBJECTIVES - There are two primary reasons I am running for another term:

(1) I believe my experience as an attorney provides the Association legal advice and analysis during the board meetings. Often, an attorney's presence on the board can be a stabilizing factor.

(2) I believe our resort must maintain its Gold Crown status; this means we constantly need to evaluate the condition of the property and the quality of our service, seeking to upgrade each at every opportunity. I ask for your support and your vote.

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Board of Directors

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATES *(Continued)*

Linda Simkins Ruane *(Incumbent)*
Oceanside, CA

EDUCATION - Some College; Computer Science and Multimedia Technology.

QUALIFYING EXPERIENCE - I have been a Carlsbad timeshare owner for 20 years; have served on the Board of Directors for Carlsbad Seapointe Resort since 1998, and Grand Pacific Palisades Resort since 1999. I have owned and operated businesses in Carlsbad since 1977, including the Daily News Cafe and California Wear. I am proficient in accounting and business administration and currently consult with hotels for Internet design, programming and marketing. My husband and I live in Carlsbad and have two children, 12 and 16 years old.

OBJECTIVES - I appreciate the investment homeowners have made in this resort and understand their desire to have a pleasurable vacation experience. My goals are to ensure that this resort maintains the high standards of an RCI Gold Crown Resort in the most cost efficient manner. I believe every homeowner has the right to voice their opinion on how the resort can best meet their needs. I will work with the Board of Directors and Resort Management to protect your investment.

Janet Abrams
Carlsbad, CA

EDUCATION - College

QUALIFYING EXPERIENCE - I am a business owner, I have worked in the Hotel business, have served on 5 Boards of Directors and exercise on site daily.

OBJECTIVES - Since I am at the Hotel every day I have an opportunity to represent owners' needs because of my awareness of the timeshare – hotel operation. My experience in Hotel Management and customer service will supplement my finance knowledge.

John R. Lahman
Peoria, AZ

EDUCATION - M.S. Purdue University; B.A. Manchester College

QUALIFYING EXPERIENCE - President, Lahman Financial Services; Chair, Circle of Peace Church Finance & Fundraising Committee.

OBJECTIVES - To provide high quality timeshare vacation value to owners while maintaining exceptional fiscal management and accountability.

Robert (Bob) V. Morgan
Sonoma, CA

EDUCATION - Masters Equivalent Nuclear Engineering

QUALIFYING EXPERIENCE - Over 20 years management experience, career nuclear submarine captain/executive waste.

OBJECTIVES - Ensure sensible management/management of resort property expenses.

Robert J. Smith
San Diego, CA

EDUCATION - College degree in Business Administration & Accounting

QUALIFYING EXPERIENCE - Work for Federal Government as an Auditor, Accounting Management Analyst and Deputy Inspector General for the Navy Seals.

OBJECTIVES - To be a fresh voice and new view of what Grand Pacific Palisades should be doing and needs.

Biennial Owner 2008 PROXY

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Alternate Proxyholder: _____
(Must be present at Annual Meeting)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Unit #/Week: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

CANDIDATES:

Three(3)candidates will be elected. As a Biennial Owner,



GRAND PACIFIC PALISADES RESORT OWNERS ASSOCIATION

you may cast a total of three (3) votes for each interval you own. Cast them all for one candidate or divide them among as many as you wish. Do not cast fractional votes! Do not use a "✓" or an "X". Fill in the number of votes you want that candidate to receive. Please print clearly. Unreadable names will not be counted.

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WE NEED YOUR VOTE! This is a postage-paid proxy card. Just drop it in the mail once you have completely filled it in. This proxy must be received no later than: **April 24, 2008**

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Alternate Proxyholder: _____
(Must be present at Annual Meeting)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Unit #/Week: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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CANDIDATES:

Three(3)candidates will be elected. As an Annual Owner,

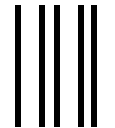


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