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BY-LAW VOTE NOTICE

If the by-law changes do not pass, causing a budget shortage, there will be:

- 40% dues increase over the next two years
- Pool opening only from Memorial Day to Labor Day
- Significantly shorter pool hours
- Social events like holidays reduced or cancelled

It will take two years to return to previous year operations.
READ INSIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

SPRING MEETING / REMEMBER TO VOTE!
The Spring Meeting and By Law vote results will be Friday, April 12 at 7pm in the Hall. Please remember to turn in your ballot once you have received it. The club needs at least 20% of the members to turn it in to get a quorum.

THE NEWSLETTER IS GOING ELECTRONIC
Starting in May, the newsletter will be available to read on the Rancho website or can be delivered by email. Some paper copies will be available in the office.

EASTER EGG HUNT— SATURDAY, APRIL 20
Our annual event will be at 10 am; see inside for more information.
Hosted by Girl Scout Troop 60153.

* 2nd Quarter Dues Notice for 2019 *
2nd Quarter Dues are due April 1, 2019. If your payment is received after the 30th a $10 late fee will be added. THIS IS YOUR DUES NOTICE. We do not mail invoices to save costs. You can set up auto pay through your bank or put your check in the club mailbox located near the hall steps on Sorrento Way. Write checks payable to RSTSRC. NOTE: Dues are $400 per year (or $100 per quarter: Jan-Apr-July-Oct). Payments must be received in the office by the 31st of the month/quarter or a $10 late fee will be added. If you pay $400 by January 31, you will be allotted 12 FREE guest passes at the window. Detailed rules and Club’s collection policy are available in the office. We have the privilege of membership in this great Club and all households in our neighborhood share in its care and vitality.

We are a community of 761 homes. We work, then we play ... at the best Cabana in town!
ON-GOING CALENDAR
Boy Scouts—Troop 212—Wed 7:00pm
Girl Scouts - Troop 60153—Wed 3:45pm
*EXCEPT DURING BOARD MEETINGS
OR WHEN CLUB IS RENTED OUT

The next Board Meeting is
Monday, April 15,
at 7:00pm in the Club Lounge

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS
Problems with abandoned cars?
Call Vehicle Abatement: 408-277-8900
Tree Problem? City Arborist: 408-277 2762
To Report Street Lights Out: 408-794-1903
Animal Care/Barking Dogs: 408-794-7297
Junk Pick Up: 408-213-7800
City Code Enforcement: 408-535-7770
(www.SanJoseCa.gov/CodeEnforcement)
Emergency…………………………9-1-1
Non-emergency …………………3-1-1
Cellular 9-1-1 (San Jose)…..408-277-8911
Join the Neighborhood News:
www.NextDoor.com

FREE Activities
Evening Lap Swim
Mon-Wed-Fri, 8-9pm
Please email the office to register.
The pool must be covered after
evening lap swim is completed.

Weekly Friday Coffee Club
The Coffee Club meets every Friday at
10am in the Lounge to play games or to
go on a road trip. Refreshments are served,
so come on down and have some fun!

Board of Directors & Office Staff
Dirk Seidel....................................President
Vic Haddad ...............................Treasurer
Michael Kirtland.......................Co-Treasurer
Arian Collen..............................Secretary
John O’Byrne .........................Board Member
Nick Toprani ..........................Board Member
Luke Brown .........................Facilities Manager
Amy Raczkowski ..........Temporary Office Coordinator

CLASSES AVAILABLE AT RANCHO
STRENGTH AND STRETCH
NEW SESSION: April 9—May 16 * 12 classes * Tues/Thurs * 6 to 7 pm
$65 members/$75 non-members (payable in advance)
Contact: sandra.godsdivinecreation@comcast.net or 408-205-8363
Bring 3– to 10-lb weights and a floor mat

SWIM LESSONS
Swim Lessons have not yet been scheduled for the season.
Keep an eye out for a posting soon!

TENNIS WITH TOM
Tennis Lessons Mon-Wed-Thurs *4pm to 8pm
Contact: Tom Le for prices at 408-896- 5745
IMPORTANT VOTE
The board needs your support in the upcoming by-law vote on April 12.

Dear Members,

You should all have received the voting package and instructions by now. If not, please contact the office at office@ranchosantateresa.org. Please read and follow the voting instructions in the package carefully.

Today I ask for your help and support the proposed by-law change by the Board of Directors. The Board believes that this is in the best interest of the club and its members to keep current activities, opening hours and existing families at our club.

If the membership vote to approve the new by-laws passes on April 12, the new bylaws will be enacted immediately. The board will then vote to approve all 2018 Sponsored Guest Families (90) to become Associate members, if they chose to do so. Most likely, the Board will not approve more than that this year even though the maximum limit is 100. Associate Members will need to fill out an application and pay the associate membership fees of $500 for the remaining of the year. This process is pretty-straight forward.

If for some reason the vote does not pass, there will be no opportunity for any non-member family to be a part of an Associate Membership or Seasonal Guest Pass program and use the club as in the years before. I know that many of you have sponsored a family and enjoyed time with them together while they had the opportunity to use the pool at their own leisure. This will not be possible anymore.

In addition to the exclusion of the 90 families, which are part of the Rancho community and friends of members, home owners will face some hardship over the next two years and possibly longer, due to the loss of income.

1. **40% increase in assessments**
2. The pool will only be open from Memorial Day to Labor Day
3. **Daily operational hours** will be reduced, family nights and late night Luaus will be eliminated.
4. Social **events** like Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Octoberfest, etc. will either be canceled or significantly reduced.
5. Risk that the club stays in non-compliance with current laws and faces consequences

It will take two years to restore operations to what they were in 2018 and years prior. None of the board members want this to happen. As the proposed by-laws were completely rewritten by the law firm of Adams Stirling to reflect clear language and be up to date with California Civil codes, here is the summary of changes.

**New added items:**
- Added Associate Membership but limited it to a maximum of 100. (Replaces the Sponsored Seasonal Guest Pass Program, which is not in compliance with IRS rules for a 501 (c) 7 corporation.)
- New defined officer roles of a Vice President, Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary to be implemented. This will improve operational efficiency.
- The term of all board members will be two years. This will provide consistency.
- New Ethics Policy
- Secret election of Board of Directors will be eliminated if there are not more candidates than openings. This will save the club time and money.

**Elements of the proposed bylaws which are required to be followed to maintain compliance with various laws, include the following:**
- Board meetings opened to the membership and agendas must be posted four (4) days in advance
- Meeting minutes published and posted within 30 days of each board meeting
- All Board business must be conducted in a board meeting
- Annual review of club financials by a CA State Board Licensed Accountant
- One annual membership meeting required in a fiscal year

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• Board can spend up to 10% of the budget on capital improvements without member approval and if deemed necessary. (Currently the limit is $20,000)
• Elimination of discount on membership dues for the Board of Directors. Currently Board Members get a 50% discount on their membership dues
• The Board has a fiduciary responsibility to maintain and operate the club and levy regular assessments sufficient to provide funds for the clubs operation with assessment increases limited to no more than 20% of the previous year without the need for member vote.

We would like to remind everyone that this is how all the other neighboring cabana clubs operate, we are not trying to do anything special, rather bring us into compliance with current Civil and IRS Codes. As the Board’s duty is to maintain and operate the club and levy regular assessments sufficient to provide funds for the club’s operation a steep increase of up 40% over the next two years will most likely be unavoidable. Even though our current by-laws limit the annual assessment to $400, California Civil code defines this differently.

The new proposed Associate Membership will replace the Seasonal Guest Pass Program. Members do not need to sponsor an outside family anymore and take personal responsibility, as Associate Members will be covered under the clubs liability insurance. Candidates who would like to apply for an Associate membership need to live in a geographical boundary between Bernal Road, Lean Avenue and Hwy 85 and the mountains. All families outside this boundary would not qualify for an Associate membership. However, since some the 2018 Seasonal Guest Pass Families live outside this boundary the board found it extremely difficult to exclude those families who have already been a part of our community for years. For this reason, we will make a one-time exception and allow Seasonal Guest Pass Families to convert to an Associate Membership if the proposed by-laws are passed. The Board will not approve any new families for Associate Memberships this year. Associate Membership will be limited to a maximum of 100 families. Last year we had 90 Seasonal Guest pass families. Associate Members will have no voting rights or the privilege to sit on the Board of Directors. The membership will need to be approved and can be terminated by the Board of Directors. In order for the Board to approve an Associate Membership it will require a letter of recommendation of a member. This will ensure that the Associate Member provides a social benefit to its members.

I hope we answered all your questions in regards to this very important vote and you support the Board of Directors and the change to our existing bylaws. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel to contact us at directors@ranchosantateresa.org

A failure of the vote will expose the club to a higher risk, it will harm our functioning community cabana and significantly increase our dues. It will take us at least two years to recover. As none of the board members want to see this happen, we would like to ask for your vote. Please also talk to your neighbors about turning in their vote. Only a small portion of the membership has currently voted. Also, please make sure that you seal and sign the envelope and follow the instructions in the voting package. We have received a couple of envelopes which had no signature or were not sealed. These votes will not be valid.

We will be sending a couple of emails in the upcoming weeks to remind everyone to vote.

Sincerely
The Board of Directors
Creativity Corner: Pysanky Easter Eggs  
With Ellen Anderson  

Saturday afternoon, April 6, 2-4 pm  
Varnishing and emptying eggs (optional), April 7  
or by arrangement  
Held at Ellen’s home (223 Purple Glen Drive)  
Limited to 6 people (you must register and receive a response)  

Register with Ellen (408-784-3052 or EMAbutterflies@gmail.com)  
Cost: $5 (helps cover the cost of materials)  

Come learn how to make colorful pysanky eggs. Pysanky are Ukrainian Easter eggs that are created by a wax resist (batik) method of writing with beeswax on raw eggs, dipping them into a light-colored dye, writing some more, dipping them into a darker dye, etc., and then removing all the wax at the end. The dye colors are more intense than typical Easter egg dyes, which are food grade, and they are toxic so this event is for adults and older children (i.e., teenagers). Ellen will provide a brief description/demonstration and then provide all the materials needed for people to make one to three eggs. Hope you can participate in this fun and creative craft. Beautiful images are on many websites, such as http://www.learnpysanky.com/ and the designs you draw can be as simple or complex as you like.

Creativity Corner: Doing My Own Thing!  
With Ellen Anderson  

Sunday afternoon, May 12, 2019, 2-4 pm  
Held at Ellen’s home (223 Purple Glen Drive)  

No limit on attendees and no cost  
bring your own materials and supplies)  

It’s fun to be part of a creative community. Bring whatever you are working on, playing with, exploring in the moment. We’ll have two hours to move our projects forward, see what others are making, and share ideas for future creations. Creating keeps our minds and bodies agile, curious, and alive. Take time out for yourself and join us for a fun and relaxing afternoon.

SOME BUNNY’S HAVING AN EASTER EGG HUNT!  
Saturday, April 20 at 10 AM  
Enter from the main pool gate on Camino Verde.  
No admittance until the event begins.  

Come bring your little PEEPS and their Easter baskets to the club for an “egg-cellent” Easter Egg Hunt. Who will find the GOLDEN EGGS? The Easter Bunny will be there too, so don’t forget your cameras! There will be three groups of egg hunters: Preschool and younger, K-3, 4-8. Invite your neighbors and make this an egg-stra fun event for the kids. Light refreshments and drinks will be available. Make an Easter craft while you are here!

If you would like to donate plastic eggs or individually-wrapped candy, stickers, or small toys, contact Amy Raczkowski at office@ranchosantateresa.org or drop them off at the club office by Tuesday, April 16. Office hours are currently Tues and Thurs from 10 am to 1 pm.

HOSTED BY GIRL SCOUT TROOP 60153
The new season is almost upon us and our Sea Otters will be in the water, practicing, starting April 29th. Coach Les Greenwood and his coaching staff - Jerry Bozzo, Enrique Munguia and Joey Wycoff - are eager to get started.

Registration is underway, and Sea Otters has gone digital! We have a new online registration portal. Details can be found on our website - www.stseaotters.com.

- Homeowner registration begins April 1st.
- Non-member registration begins April 13th.

"Welcome Back!" returning families, and "Welcome!" new families and new swimmers!

For more information, please contact Stacy Valenta at chair.stseaotters@gmail.com

### 2019 Sea Otter Schedule

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### 2019 Tentative Practice Schedule

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**Evening Practices**

- All Ages: TBD
- Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

*Please note, evening practices will be reserved for swimmers who participate in the survey. The survey will be sent out in May. Evening practices will not be for swimmers who want to double, or simply don’t get up for AM practices.*
### Rancho Santa Teresa Swim & Racquet Club
#### Summarized Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual February 2019

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