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# The Nature Friends

OUR BULLETIN

## NEWS FROM THE BOARD

by Corresponding Secretary, Jack Owens,  
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In last week's quarterly meeting, the membership discussed concerns about how our current liquor license prevents children from being in the bar and potential legal issues if we were to continue to operate without addressing these issues.

Due to these concerns, three motions were discussed and passed by the membership attending the quarterly meeting:

- Form an ad hoc committee to meet with outside counsel to determine if our current license precludes having children in the bar and if so, what are the alternatives.
- Paul Edmondson to be the chair. We suspend access to the bar for people under twenty-one until we hear back from the ad hoc committee.

### Do you serve others beer?

If so, we want you to take the Responsible Beverage Service (RBS) training this summer.

We encourage the other Tourist Clubs to join in this training as well.

Email [bar@touristclubsf.org](mailto:bar@touristclubsf.org) for details.

**We are still looking for a permanent kitchen chair.** If you are interested, email the board at [board@touristclubsf.org](mailto:board@touristclubsf.org).

**Do not bring candles or other fire hazards to the club.** If you see any candles or other open flames, please report them to the Caretaker or a Board member.

LED candles are available in the linen closet.

**A special workday is planned to wash and stain the dance floor.** Please reach out to [bg@touristclubsf.org](mailto:bg@touristclubsf.org) if you are interested in participating.

**Gareth Loy has been elected as our new Corporation Representative.**

**Ever wonder how our website gets updated or want to help?** Email [editors@touristclubsf.org](mailto:editors@touristclubsf.org) to request changes or to join our illustrious group!

**Monthly Board Meeting Announcement.** The agenda for the May 8 Board Meeting can be found [here](#). It includes the Zoom information. Hope to see you there!

**Heidelmann Minutes.** We are in the process of getting minutes from the Heidelmann Committee online! We have started the process and will initially be posting March 2022 minutes on The San Francisco Club website [here](#).

We will provide details on how

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Oakland members can have access next month.

**Lastly, please pay your dues!** If you have any confusion on payment, email [membership@touristclubsf.org](mailto:membership@touristclubsf.org).

Please bring drinkware for water.

We look forward to seeing you all on May 15!

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**NEWS FROM THE FESTMEISTERS** by Molly Gilardi, [sffestmeister@gmail.com](mailto:sffestmeister@gmail.com)

Hello Members! Maifest is just around the corner, Sunday May 15 at 1:00 p.m. If you have not signed up for a shift and would like to, contact the Festmeisters at the email noted above. We are also still looking for volunteers for Pre fest on Saturday and Post fest on Monday.

Tickets will not be sold at the door. Members please buy tickets for yourself and up to seven guests on Eventbrite, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/maifest-2022-member-link-tickets-326073804527>. This link is only for members. Members do not need to be with their guests at check in. Guests will check in at the member table and they will sign their name and the name of the member who purchased their tickets in the guestbook. There will be no reusable cups at the Fest. Tickets include a commemorative Silipint. If you bring a Silipint purchased at a prior fest, you may choose to receive another Silipint or a drink ticket.

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## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

by Karoline Hatch-Berens, [membership@touristclubsf.org](mailto:membership@touristclubsf.org)

Thank you to all members who have paid their 2022 dues. Although, they have been due for some time, and we still have 70+/- members who have not yet paid for 2022.

If you would like to see a list of those who haven't paid, it is attached to the Quarterly meeting minutes, available on the members area of the website (or email me directly). Quarterly payments have been charged for Quarter 2 and we have suspended signing up for quarterly payments since to sign up now would be to pay half the year. If you have questions or concerns about membership dues or anything else membership-related, email me at the above address.

We have two prospective members who have submitted their paperwork: Thomas Luehrsen sponsored by Horst Steinfels and Gareth Loy; and Tyler Price sponsored by Dan Barbee and Janet Miller.

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## GOOD AND WELFARE

 by Joyce Johnston

Congratulations to Andrea (nee Mazzini) and Joey Appelmann on the birth of their baby Joseph, and congratulations to grandparents Bridget and Rich Mazzini.



Baby Appelmann went to the Tourist Club for the first time on Sunday May 1 (eighteenth day of life), with his mom and dad and both sets of grandparents.

Oma and Opa Appelmann were here from North Carolina and Rich and Bridget from Mill Valley.

His mom, Andrea, did that same trek on day fourteen of her life, Maifest 1991.

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## TC HIKING CLUB

 by Janet Miller, [hiking@touristclubsf.org](mailto:hiking@touristclubsf.org)

**Saturday, June 18th, First Annual Founder's Hike.** The History Committee and the Hiking Committee are jointly sponsoring the First Annual Founder's Hike! We will approximate the route our founders took on their inaugural hike in 1912 from Fairfax to Lagunitas. We hope this will become an annual summertime hike like the one we traditionally take to the East Peak of Mt. Tam on January 1 every year.

Our founders decided to form our club in 1912 immediately after hiking from Fairfax to the Lagunitas home of John Stammer, a fellow artist, to help him hang a giant painting he'd made. The History Committee has reconstructed the route they took. A photo of the painting and the minutes of their hike are reproduced on page 82 of our history book, *Histories of Nature Friends in California*.

We'll start on the Pine Mountain Fire Road (west from the Azalia Hill parking lot) and continue to Lagunitas via the San Geronimo Fire Road. The distance is 7.7 miles. The elevation change is less than 500 ft over the

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first five miles, and the trail gently drops over the last two miles to the Leo Cronin Fish Viewing Area. You'll see unusual and spectacular views of Pine Mountain, Kent Lake, Woodacre, Elephant Mountain, Mt. Tam, Bolinas Ridge, and much, much more!

The hike is also a fundraiser for our club! Your friends can sponsor you with a donation to the club based on the number of miles you walk. For example, at \$5.00 per mile, the club would net \$38.50 for each person who sponsors you. Set your rate at \$10.00/mile and the club nets \$77.00 for each sponsor! And you can also sponsor yourself!

We will meet in front of Arti Cafe, an Indian restaurant in Lagunitas, at 9:00 am June 18, parking along Sir Francis Drake Blvd. We'll drop a couple of cars at the Leo Cronin Fish Viewing Area to shuttle us back to our cars when we're done. Then we'll double up and drive to Azalia Hill for the hike.

There will be an optional dinner after the hike at Arti Cafe, then we'll drive back to Azalia Hill to pick up the cars we left there.

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## OUTDOOR ADVENTURE COMMITTEE

by [Scott Stanley, oac@touristclubsf.org](mailto:Scott.Stanley@touristclubsf.org)

**Wednesday, May 11, 5:45 pm, Bouldering Happy Hour and Sunset Dinner**, Ring Mountain Open Space, Turtle Rock.

We'll climb till the sun sinks behind Mt. Tam and then have a BYO picnic dinner with sweeping Bay views.

This is a kid-friendly event, my two girls will be there climbing. RSVP no later than May 9 to Scott Stanley.

**Sunday May 22, 10 am, Mountain Biking.** Meet at Dominican University in San Rafael. We'll bike fifteen miles of China Camp single track.

RSVP no later than May 20 to the email address noted above.

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## MAY EVENTS:

**Sunday May 8, Workday and Board Meeting.** Please RSVP For the Workday by using the form provided on the member's page, or by using the following link:

<https://forms.gle/Po2hmM2b4mbedjTR6>

**Wednesday, May 11, 5:45 pm, Bouldering Happy Hour and Sunset Dinner**, see OAC above for details.

**Saturday May 15, 1 pm, Maifest!** see News from the Festmeisters for details.

**Sunday May 22, 10 am, Mountain Biking**, see OAC for details.



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## MAIFEST

After 2 1/2 of the most challenging years for the Oakland Nature Friends, we returned to hosting our traditional fests by celebrating a magnificent Maifest with all the things we love – live music, dancing outdoors, great food and beer – all in the company of about two hundred of our members and their friends. What an amazing return! Seeing the dance-floor filled with our members laughing, dancing, and having a great time almost made the entire Covid Pandemic feel like some crazy fever dream. Did we really wait in panicking lines to buy the last few cans of food at our local grocery stores? And what so delighted me was that it took no time to slip back into that happy place of chatting, relaxing and being with our many members and friends. We



didn't need to relearn anything; it was all just so natural.

Our new President, Beth Greene was crowned Mai Queen for all the work she has already done to make these events possible and also as a big

thank you for stepping into the leadership role. Mark was in the kitchen with a great crew cooking amazing German food: the potato salad was to die for! Hans had the bar fully stocked, so even when all the beer from the kegs was drunk, there was enough bottled beer to keep everyone happy until a run was made, and we got two more kegs.

The band had four members who played and danced their hearts out. Everyone had such fun. Our new dancefloor got broken in and the report from our magnificent Schuhplattlers was that the lighter color of the wood's finish meant that the surface was much less hot and that has been a pretty serious concern for many years. They did an amazing job; just watching them move was such a

wonderful part of the afternoon. We were also very happy to see a nice contingent of SF members, including their President who came out to join us for this very happy time.

Thank you all for coming, working, bringing your friends, and helping to reinvigorate the ONF after a long and difficult hiatus.



If you missed the ONF Maifest, you might still be able to join the San Francisco branch at their Maifest on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. We certainly want to support our friends across the Bay! The tickets are \$25 per person and must be bought online – there will be no sales at the door.

See the San Francisco portion of the Bulletin for more information.

## ANKE RIESNER, ONF CARETAKER RELOCATES

Our much-loved caretaker, Anke Riesner, has decided to relocate to Reno to be close to her daughter who is attending the University of Nevada at Reno. Anke and her son will be leaving in early May, but we hope to see them at ONF events, at Heidelberg, and when she returns for visits with her ONF family.

We will definitely miss her and her cheerful disposition, fun sense of humor, and the special touches she has brought to our club. Good luck, Anke!

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## ONF CARETAKER SOUGHT

The Oakland Nature Friends is searching for a live-in caretaker. The ideal candidate is organized, a self-starter, has a flexible schedule, has good people skills, is able to maintain the facility, can manage light repairs, and is welcoming to members and guests. Members from all three California Nature Friends branches are invited to apply. If a suitable caretaker is not identified from within the membership, this announcement will be made available to the general public. The caretaker receives free lodging in our cottage in exchange for working for the club through a number of different, specified duties. If interested, please review the [Caretaker Description and Duties](#) and submit the [Caretaker Application](#) no later than **June 3, 2022**. Be sure to contact Beth Greene at [oaklandnaturefriends@gmail.com](mailto:oaklandnaturefriends@gmail.com) with questions.

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## GAME DAY / KAFFEEKLATSCH

Looking for something to do on Tuesday mornings? The second Tuesday of the month at 11:00 AM is a game day; this month's game day is May 10th. Bring a lunch or a snack for yourself; coffee and tea will be provided. It's a great way to get to know your fellow members!

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## BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

It took a huge effort to get everything ready for the Maifest and once again, our members stepped up to help in a big way. Preparing all the tables and umbrellas, the food, and the bar, raising the maypole and cleaning the grounds all needed to be accomplished to make sure that we would have a big success on Sunday. A huge thank you to Loren and all the members who showed up and helped in whatever way they could.

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## NEXT WORKDAY

Our next Workday will be Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:00 AM. Lunch will be available at Noon for the workers, so please let Loren Worm know if you plan on attending ([lnlworm@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lnlworm@sbcglobal.net)).

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## WORKDAY COOKS

Many of our happiest memories at the ONF are connected to the great food that has been served at our workdays and fests. Of course, it takes a lot of effort to help make that happen, and the club could really use your help. Do you like cooking or want to learn how to

cook authentic German food? Then please send an email to [oaklandnaturefriends@gmail.com](mailto:oaklandnaturefriends@gmail.com) to let us know when you would be available to help in the kitchen. This is a great way to make new friends! Following is the current list of volunteers:

June:?  
July:?  
August: Anke Riesner  
September:?  
October:?  
November: Shelley Kelly  
December:?

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We are so delighted to announce that Renee Miller Morgenthaler was elected our California



Nature Friends Corporation President at the annual meeting in April. Her family helped found the San Francisco Chapter and she has done so much for our own club in several capacities including President and Vice President.

Corporation Delegates from Oakland are:

Inge Schnars  
Renee Miller Morgenthaler  
Maria Fink Atkinson

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## HIKING NEWS

No hikes were rained out this month! The Muir Woods/Tourist Club hike was very well attended –

we had eighteen people, split pretty evenly, between the two clubs. It was a beautiful day, and it was nice to get to know



members from other clubs. We found a German wishing well along Muir Woods Road by

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the Dipsea trail – if anyone knows the story behind that, we'd love to hear it!

Fourteen Naturefriends members from Oakland and San Francisco hiked Sibley and Huckleberry trails on April 23. We took a brief scenic detour in the beginning and saw more of the views from the Sibley trail. We also got to see a coyote and a free-ranging cow up close. Some hikers went home early after the first part of the hike. The rest of us continued on to the shaded Huckleberry trail where we



got to see the stream running by the Lower Pinehurst Trail and some of the native foliage noted by placards along the trail. The uphill trail on the way back was a workout. We finished the hike approximately 11:30 a.m. and returned to the clubhouse for lunch by noon.

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## UPCOMING HIKES AND EVENTS

### **Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – Deer Park (Marin County) led by Andrea Dorn.**

Join us for an approximately **5.5-mile, moderate Marin County loop hike** with about **six hundred feet elevation gain** from Fairfax to Phoenix Lake. We'll mostly walk on narrow foot trails and enjoy panoramic views of Mount Tamalpais. Meet no later than **9:00am at the Oakland Club** for carpooling. Andrea will meet us at trailhead. (If you want to meet at the trailhead, enter **Deer Park School, 199 Porteous Ave., Fairfax, CA 94930 into your GPS**. Drive over the Richmond bridge and head to Fairfax. At the center of Fairfax turn left onto BOLINAS Rd. Then turn left onto PORTEOUS Ave. Follow this narrow neighborhood street to the end and we'll meet in the DEER PARK school parking lot in the forest.) We'll **meet at 10:00 near the restrooms**, near the entrance of the parking lot. We will eat lunch near the Phoenix Lake midway. Expect to return to the

parking lot around 1:30 p.m. There will be some shade and lots of sun. **Bring:** a sunhat, water bottle, lunch, and towel to sit on at lunch. For questions contact Andrea Dorn at 510-680-9448 or [andreadorn@comcast.net](mailto:andreadorn@comcast.net).

### **Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> – Redwood Park (Oakland). Led by Jian Saikia**

We will do a moderately challenging (but accessible) **3.8-mile loop trail in Oakland**. It takes just under 2 hours to complete. This is a very popular area for hiking, and mountain biking, and dog walking, so we will likely encounter other people while exploring. Most trails are wide but some narrow spots. Note dogs can be off leash in some areas. We will get great views and some shade and sun. This is a family favorite hike. We will meet at the Oakland Nature Friends at 8:45 a.m. and then take a short drive to The Trudeau conference center at 11500 Skyline Blvd, Oakland, CA 94619. Parking is in the lot or on Skyline. We take the Dunn trail from the start.

### **Members' BBQ Picnic – July**

Who's ready for a picnic? It's time to have the Members' BBQ and Picnic to recognize our members by honoring those who celebrated a milestone club anniversary over the past three years. We are planning to have the picnic in mid to late July this year. A date will be decided soon and announced in the next Bulletin. Stay tuned!

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## WANTED: WEBMASTER

In order to communicate more effectively with our members, we would like to expand our current member website. We need someone who could work with the Board to add content to the webpage and update it as needed.

Please send an email to [oaklandnaturefriends@gmail.com](mailto:oaklandnaturefriends@gmail.com) if you can help with this important project!

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## CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF KARL LEBHERZ

Let's come together and share our memories. The song has ended, but the memories live on. You are invited to share in the celebration of the life of Karl Lebherz on Saturday, May 21, beginning at 12:00 Noon at our Oakland Nature Friends Clubhouse.

Please bring a dish to share for the potluck meal which will begin at 1:00p.m.

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A celebration of his life will then occur at 2:00 p.m. Karl was a longtime and dedicated member of the Oakland Nature Friends, playing his accordion with his band to entertain us numerous times over many years for festivals and indoor member parties.

He is greatly missed by all of us at the Nature Friends.

### **GOOD AND WELFARE**

Congratulations to Karyn Fankhauser, a member of the Schuhplattler group, and John Fabrizi on their wedding in February.

It was Karyn's Schuhplattler dance steps that brought them together!

We wish you both much happiness!

### **CALENDAR**

Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. – Game Day/Kaffeeklatsch at clubhouse

Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. – ONF Board meeting (Zoom)

Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. – Deer Park hike (Marin)

Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at Noon – Celebration of Karl Lebherz

Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. – Workday

Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> – Redwood Park hike (Oakland)

Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> – Oakland Zoo adjacent hike

Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> (tentative date) – Angel Island hike

Mid – late July – Member Picnic/BBQ

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### **FROM THE CLUBHOUSE**

The use of masks and proper distancing are still required in LA County and California for groups using public facilities, and verifying that visitors have actually been vaccinated and "boosterd" is required, so, stay aware of changing requirements, by consulting newspapers and e mails. They change almost every day, depending on the COVID status.

We have received a number of reservations for the weeks ahead, and our schedule is getting pretty full, so, if you plan to use the club facilities, don't wait to make a reservation now. With diminishing COVID problems, our facilities are being thankfully used frequently by members and guests.

As in any other similar organization, we welcome new members, so if you have any friends who might be interested in becoming members, please let us know, and we will send them application forms and arrange for a tour of our location.

### **IMPROVEMENTS**

During April 2022 we have carried out several additions and improvements to our Clubhouse. Several new pedestal planters with blooming flowers have been installed in



our gardens. Also, all benches in our upper outside platform have now been completely re-varnished.

New window shades are in process of being installed in our overnight sleeping rooms.

Additional plants have

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been added to the edges of our main parking lot, so our gardens are looking good with the coming of Spring and resultant flowering.

**See the two pictures attached.** (Note that the mountain lion shown in one of them is not a real one, but simply a plaster statue of one!)



## MEMBERSHIP

All membership meetings take place at our Sierra Madre clubhouse, and specific details about them will appear in the NF Bulletins every month, sent to all members.

Welcome to NEW members

- 1.- Mitja Rabar and Blessy Bandera
- 2.- Rosi and Kevin Koeper
- 3.- Lynne Taciak**

Also, the following EXISTING members have paid their dues during April:

- 1.- Sarah Bumstead
- 2.- Adam Wing

- 3.- Esteban Jimenez
- 4.- Kathryn Evans and Peter Fox
- 5.- Trudi Muller and Allan Paul
- 6.- John Wiedeman and Amy Wiedeman

Thanks to the CURRENT members who have renewed their membership for 2022 during the last few months. We appreciate very much continuing to have them aboard.

Shortly, we will be sending a notice to a number of members who have not yet renewed their NF membership for the calendar year 2022. Some of them have not paid their dues because of COVID, but we really hope they will renew their payment and continue as members, before we have to drop them from our active list.

We encourage all current members who have not yet paid your 2022 dues to please do so now.

The Club really needs your contribution to help it continue to exist and grow.

## NF CORPORATION MEETING

The yearly NF Corporation meeting was held at our location this last April 9, 2022, and we had the pleasure of welcoming the NF Board members from Oakland and San Francisco who attended the meeting, after which an enjoyable lunch was prepared and served to all attendees by our Los Angeles member Sally Follett. Many thanks, Sally.

This meeting, which rotates in location between our three branches, had to be postponed (held by phone or Zoom) for the last 2 years because of COVID.

Thanks to LA president Jim Angus for setting an Apple TV solution, so members on the Zoom call could see the meeting in progress and we could view them on the large screen Television.

# Heidemann Lodge

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**NOTHING TO REPORT AGAIN THIS MONTH FROM OUR BELOVED HEIDEMANN LODGE!**



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