

Recreation Advisory Committee Agenda Draft
Location: OTCC Card Room Date: April 1, 2026 Time: 1:30PM

Call to Order at:

A. Attendance:

Voting RAC Members:	Kimberly Clow, Gary Adams, Claude Plymate, Lucy Radike, Joni Walker Mitch McDiffett, Mark Poindexter, Ed Weston
Staff (Non-Voting):	Ashley Krempien Rec. Manager/Director; Don Ciota, BVSA GM , David Burchard; BVSA Director- Ruby Bittner Sports Manager; Linda Wetta, Special Events, Fred Hicks

+Will Handley passed away recently. I sent a card from the RAC as he was a great contributor to our Committee for years.

B. Welcome! New Committee Members: Mark Poindexter –Representative for Sportsman Club (BVSA approved) and Ed Weston- Representative for Tennis Club (BVSA Approved)

C. Old Business:

D. Don Ciota-Update on purpose and direction of the Recreation Advisory Committee. All advisory meetings changed to every other month : February, April, June, August, October, December.
Operational concerns have priority. These items have been highlighted.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1) **Youth Sports**-*New Sports Director! Ruby Bittner*

Soccer sign-ups are happening, and evaluations took place. We are still looking for volunteer coaches and referees, we only have a few so far. League games will begin on April 10th/11th. T-Ball and Rookie League sign-ups will begin March 2nd, and games will start mid-June. Baseball Camp sign-ups will begin in April.

2) **RC Modelers**-*Mitch McDiffett*

- 1) We are continuing to teach and help various individuals learn to fly and work on their own planes
- 2) Continuing to try to get youth involved by letting them fly on a buddy box when they visit
- 3) Need to still address the weeds in one part of asphalt and the wattles on the RC track
- 4) Would like to request not having mowing scheduled on Wednesdays or Saturdays
- 5) We have ceased our indoor fly in the Whiting Center for the time being

3) **Sportsman Club** Representative Mark Poindexter He sent a flyer with all their events.

4) **Tennis** *Julian Leon* Ed Westin New Rep

- a. Pathway to pool and tennis is a Picnic Table that is in dire need of painting. It was an Eagle Scout project a few years ago. This table is used a lot.

5) **Pickle ball** -*Joni Walker*

The only new item is to state that the fencing and walkway for our 5th court is being done right now.
Thank you, BVSA! We are also planning on having a "Club Play Day/potluck" in March and a fundraising

event in April. The fund raising would be for a windscreen for our new court, court #5. Trees have been planted along West side. They may need fencing around them to protect from deer.

As of March 2026 the total number of active members for the year is: 52 people Membership closes out on March 18th, but we anticipate that there might be a few late joiners to the club who will have their membership dues prorated.(\$40 per family or \$30 per individual)

On March 7th a Pickleball general meeting was held. The club voted to use around \$700 for a wind screen for the new court 5. (This may even help to cut down a small bit of noise for our nearby neighbors.)

The board also approved around \$100 be used for gifts for the Whiting Center's Easter bingo night which the Club has been participating in over these past several years.

There will be a Club play day on March 21st. This is not a tournament, but simply a chance for Club members to rotate partners throughout the morning to encourage cohesiveness and the opportunity to simply enjoy playing pickleball with members one hadn't played with in the past. We will have a pot-luck snack table for everyone to enjoy. The board approved approximately \$60 to be used for silly prizes to be awarded that day.

Once again, the Club will be participating in the "Meet the Clubs Day" in April that the Whiting Center will be hosting. We look forward to expanding our Pickleball community.

6) Beaubien Field: Gary Adams asked about cost proposal for building an upgraded batting cage. LOTS of ground squirrels at south baseball field towards Nature Path.

7) Tailwaggers- Lucy Radike

*Pam has some questions for Don and Ashley regarding the dog park signs.

These are the things that BVSA should address for Tailwaggers. It is just the "Dog Park Rules" have to be posted as they took the sign down some time ago and the dates of our Agility Playdays so they know what days the small dog park should be groomed.

POSSIBLE AGILITY PLAYDAYS

March 21st Training

April 11 and 25

May 9 and 23

June 13 and 27

July 11

August 8 and 29

Sept. 12 and 26

Oct. 10 and 24

8) Astronomy Club-Claude Plymate

The Astronomy Club is ramping up fundraising for our observatory project. We currently are roughly halfway to our funding goal and are exploring various fundraising ideas.

We are pleased and grateful to the CSD for agreeing to not only turn their parking lot lights off at night but to shield the lighting at the maintenance yard next to the trash collection site. This will significantly improve the sky quality in the region.

On the same topic, Ashley has agreed to have the BVSA look into shielding the bathroom lights at Cub Lake!

9) **Pool** – *Kimberly Clow* **Ground squirrels at pathway to pool near tennis courts.**

- Thanks to Ashley and Casey for getting items at pool repaired or replaced.
- High School will end practices at pool end of March
- We have a full BVS Grizzly Team after tryouts and more kids on waiting list
- BVA Club beginning Orientations for next season March & April. BVA Club meeting May 2.
- Lifeguard training begins End of March, End of April, and beginning of May.
- Special Olympics' will practiced at pool Saturday afternoons in March

10) Nature Path- *Kimberly Clow* –Path is in great shape! Lots of use!! New trees have been planted on the outside of the Little League Field. **IMPORTANT: These new trees need fencing around them to protect from deer and elk. Lots of Ground Squirrels on north side of path.**

11) Whiting Center Special Events- Linda Wetta

Easter week March 30th-April 4th events,

3/30 Family skate 1-3

3/31 Craft 1-3

4/1 Bingo 5:30 pm - 8 pm-Bingo Baskets needed from Clubs.

4/2 Dodgeball 1-3

4/3 Egg Dyeing 1-3

4/4 Candy Hunt starts at 10

4/18 Club Connect to the Community

12.Range & Campgrounds *Ashley Krempien* Shooting range.

13.Lakes- Fred Hicks

* The old duck feeder has been replaced with a new one that works, except that it was placed on the handicap Ramp just like the previous one and blocks wheelchair access.

Lake Status Report – February 2026 Lake Conditions

The lakes in **Bear Valley Springs** are in the **seasonal filling stage**.

- **Four Island Lake** is
- **Cub Lake** and **Jack's Hole**
- With additional rain or snow, **Mountain View Consulting Group (MVCG)** will reassess levels. **A decision on lake elevations and non-potable well activation is expected in early March.**

Regulatory Update: The **10-year Routine Maintenance Agreement (RMA)** with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife is **currently under development**. The RMA will establish a **long-term framework** for shoreline stabilization, vegetation management, fisheries work, water transfers, and water quality management, supporting **continuity of long-term lake management goals** and ensuring the **Bear Valley Springs Association** can **plan and complete work efficiently over the next decade**.

Water Quality: The cyanobacteria bloom observed in late fall **fully subsided in December**

.No current warnings or advisory levels are in effect.

Fisheries Management Four Island Lake **concluded the 2025 harvest season** with **24,342+ lbs** of fish removed.

- **2026 harvest to date exceeds 920 lbs.**
- **Buoys mark active net sets, which are being moved as needed** to increase catch rates. remain in place **until April**, when the Lake Quality Advisory Committee transitions to **summer harvest**

2026 Community Events ;The Lake Quality Advisory Committee, BVSA, and MVCG have planned multiple lake-related events for 2026, including:

- **Community Fishing Derby – May 30**
- **Intro to Fly-Fishing Classes – May & early June**
- **Casting for Recovery events – April & May**

The 4 Island dock at boat ramp is scheduled to be redone to make it more level

14. Recreation-*Ashley Krempien*

15. BVSA Board Report *David Burchard*

16. NEW BUSINESS

17. Follow Up-Action Items-

ADJOURNMENT *Next mtgs. Wednesday **June 3, Aug 5, October 7, Dec 2 at 1:30pm.***

Respectfully submitted, Kimberly Clow