

Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes

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 BVSA Director
Absent:	Joni Walker, Mark Poindexter ,Ruby Bittner, Linda Wetta, Fred Hicks, David Burchard

+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, and December. Operational concerns have priority. These items have been highlighted.

1. Many old picnic tables will be replaced in BVS. Perhaps move stands for spectators to VB area
2. Finances for RAC areas will be discussed at times

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1) Youth Sports-New Sports Director! Ruby Bittner 275 Soccer Players have signed up!!

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. Camp is July 13 to 16. Adams field will be getting clay this week.

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 We handed out a flyer with all their events.

4) Tennis. Julian Leon- Ed Weston New Rep Asked how to get info to residents regarding tennis clinics & classes. Shared that an article submitted for the Bear Valley Bear Tracks should be submitted to Anita Bauer by the 7th of the month prior to the clinics.

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

Tennis Club League Play:

Every **Monday & Wednesday**, starting at **5pm - 8pm.**

Saturdays 9am - 12pm.

Through December 31st, 2026

Tennis Tournaments

March 14, 2026 Doubles tournament 8 am - Noon Tennis Courts and Patio

April 4, 2026 Singles tournament 8 am - Noon Tennis Courts and Patio

April 25, 2026 Doubles tournament 8 am - Noon Tennis Courts and Patio

May 30, 2026 Singles tournament 8 am - Noon Tennis Courts and Patio

June 6, 2026 Doubles tournament 8 am - Noon Tennis Courts and Patio

June 13, 2026 Singles tournament 8 am - Noon Tennis Courts and Patio

July 11, 2026 Doubles tournament 8 am - Noon Tennis Courts and Patio

July 18, 2026 Singles tournament 8 am - Noon Tennis Courts and Patio

August 15, 2026 Doubles tournament 8 am - Noon Tennis Courts and Patio

August 22, 2026 Singles tournament 8 am - Noon Tennis Courts and Patio

September 19, 2026 Doubles tournament 8 am - Noon Tennis Courts and Patio

September 26, 2026 Singles tournament 8 am - Noon Tennis Courts and Patio

October 10, 2026 Doubles tournament 8 am - Noon Tennis Courts and Patio

October 17, 2026 Singles tournament 8 am - Noon Tennis Courts and Patio

November 7, 2026 Doubles tournament 8 am - Noon Tennis Courts and Patio

November 14, 2026 Singles tournament 8 am - Noon Tennis Courts and Patio

December 12, 2026 Doubles tournament 8 am - Noon Tennis Courts and Patio

December 19, 2026 Singles tournament 8 am - Noon Tennis Courts and Patio

Pickle ball -Joni Walker Tuesday Evenings will be League Play

The only new item is to state that the fencing and walkway for our 5th court is done. 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 April 2026 the total number of active members for the year is: 60 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 Pickle ball 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 pickle ball 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 Pickle ball community.

5) 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.-any ideas regarding removal?

Baseball Camp will be July 13-16.-sign ups begin next week. The clay is being installed this week in Adams Field.

6) Tailwaggers- *Lucy Radike*

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

There is a problem in the front gate to the big dog park. When it rains people cannot get in that side of the dog park because of the mud. Michelle Campbell has asked if she can donate gravel and crushed rock to fill in that area and she has volunteers to do it. So, we have volunteers and material. Perhaps they can work with Stephen to get that done?

We started our 2026 Agility Fundays on March 21st. We will be having on or two of these Fundays per month. Thank you to Don Ciota and Stephen and the ground crew for having the dog park in such good condition.

AGILITY PLAYDAYS –some dates will change

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

7) **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!

8) **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 ended 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

9) **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. Please Remove the Pink ties around the tree branches and use traditional tree Green or black ties.

10) **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

5/30 Garummage sale at OTCC parking Lot

12.Range & Campgrounds *Ashley Krempien* Shooting range has been cleaned up and weeds cut down.

13.Lakes- Fred Hicks

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

* 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. Don is to have it moved to the grass near the restroom area.

14. Recreation-*Ashley Krempien*

15. BVSA Board Report *David Burchard*

16. NEW BUSINESS

17. Follow Up-Action Items-

1. Contact asphalt company to repair areas at runway for RC Modelers
2. Contact Grounds maintenance to not mow by RC on Fly days Wednesday & Saturday
 - a. grounds maintenance to place dirt around wattles so cars don't go underneath
 - b. replace pink tree ties with green ties- **Completed thanks!!**
3. Discuss signage at pool entrance to discourage Volleyball Players from entering- "*Pool Entrance for Registered Swimmers Only! No Volleyball participants!*"
4. Front Gate at Dog Park needs gravel & rock due to mud after rain.
5. Ashley to follow up about Cub Lake Restroom Lights to have be shielded.
6. Don to follow up RE: new duck feeder location is in the handicap walkway access to 4 Island Lake.

ADJOURNMENT 2:50pm Next mtgs. Wednesday **June 3, Aug 5, October 7, Dec 2 at 1:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted, Kimberly Clow