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## LMVA Administration Building & Entry Prepare for Major Facelift

After 32 years of basking in the sun, enduring the elements of weather and serving thousands of LMVA members, the Administration Building, entry, breezeway and concourse are set for exterior hardscape and landscape renovations.

The Breezeway changes include a new concrete slab with terracotta-tinted concrete forming a sunburst motif with the LMV logo as a centerpiece. A new storefront is proposed at the west side of the breezeway, providing visibility and access to the Beach Bag store. The wall on the East side of the breezeway will be enhanced by a new bulletin board and an electronic display to showcase upcoming events. A decorative wall fountain flanked by a landscaped wire trellis is enclosed by a combination planter/bench along the east wall.

The Lake Concourse improvements call for new planter/bench poured-in-place structures enclosing a new landscaped area adjacent to the Administration Building. A terracotta concrete pattern in the new slab is designed to add rhythm to this waterfront area. The addition of goose-neck light poles along the bulkhead and landscape lighting in the planters will make this area more inviting in the evenings.

There will be a new look to the two-story portion of the Administration Building facing the docks. On the ground level, a raised platform, enclosed with wire cable railings, will provide usable space for members. A new ADA ramp will provide secondary access to the Membership Department. The existing balcony will be replaced with a larger, curved fascia balcony giving an updated look. A new steel, two-landing staircase is proposed along the side of the balcony. A fabric awning following the curved fascia, will provide shade to the balcony.

The other side of the Administration Building, facing the parking lot, will be more attractive and accessible to members. The concept consists of new, poured-in-place concrete planters with a wire trellis to hold beautiful vines. A new ADA ramp will be added to enhance access to the Membership Department entrance, located near the western end of the building. Because this area is a popular drop-off and pick-up point for members, a large, convenient bench is incorporated into the planters. As in all areas, new landscape lighting will provide ambient light as part of the concept.

The improvements are under way. Construction is anticipated to be completed before the busy summer season.



## TRY-OUTS: MARCH 14 & 27 LMVA Seeks the Best of the Best to Serve as Lifeguards for the 2010 Summer Season & Beyond

The LMVA Patrol and Rescue Department is currently recruiting for seasonal lifeguards to work during the summer of 2010. This rewarding and exciting job opportunity is only available once a year, so if you think you have the ability to complete the training now is the time to apply.

On Saturdays, March 14 and 27, anyone who meets the criteria, may try out. Check-in is at 8 a.m. The swim test begins promptly at 8:30 a.m. Candidates must be at least 16 years of age by June 21, 2010 and must be in good health. All applicants under 18 years of age must complete and submit a parent release form prior to participation in the swim test.

The test includes a 500 meter swim in 10 minutes or less. All applicants who successfully complete the physical test will be invited to participate in the oral interviews held after the tryouts. All applicants who pass this process will take part in a 94 hour lifeguard training program slated for five weekends, including April 3/4, 10/11, 17/18, 24/25, and May 1/2 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

All trainees under the age of 18 must provide a school Work Permit prior to the start of the training course. Trainees will be paid \$8.00 per hour during the training program. Participants completing the training will be placed on the LMV lifeguard hiring list where they will be eligible for a position as a seasonal lifeguard during the 2010 summer season.

Eyesight must be correctable to 20/40. Employment is conditional, based on successful passing of a medical exam, drug test and background check (18 years and older) before starting work.

The starting salary is \$10.35 per hour with the possibility of up to 40 hours a week in the summer and up to 24 hours per week during the balance of the year. For more information, contact the Patrol and Rescue Department at (949) 770-1313, ext. 218. Applications will be available at each swim test or can be picked up in advance at the LMVA reception office. All applications must be completed and signed prior to participating in the swim test.

CHECK OUT THE SPRING DISCOVERY INSIDE!

## Lake's Littlest Anglers Brave the Weather to Reel in a Bounty of Tasty Trout in the 17th Annual LMV Kid's Fishing Derby

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids Fishing Derby was held on Wednesday, December 30 under soggy clouds and cold conditions. That didn't stop more 100 eager young anglers from testing their fishing skills on a fresh load of big Nebraska raised Rainbow Trout, delivered the day before the tournament. Overnight, Lake Biologist Tom Buckowski safely corralled a batch of the feisty fish in the launch area, just for the event.

The annual holiday derby is designed especially for kids from 3 - 10 years of age, giving many of them the first opportunity to land a trophy Lake Mission Viejo trout. Results this year were spectacular, with more than 40 beautiful fish landed during the tournament.

The fish were fantastic, weighing two to more than six pounds each. Competition was close this year and prizes were awarded to the top three anglers in each division. The largest fish of the day was landed by Kaitlyn Stedman, competing in, and winning the 3-4 year old division. Kaitlyn's six pound, three ounce fish was the largest of many trophy trout landed during the tournament. Always a popular event, this year was a record breaker with the number of exceptional fish hooked and reeled in.

Everyone who cast a line was a champion! Those placing in the competition include:



### 3 and 4 Year Old Division

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Kaitlyn Stedman (4)	6 pounds, 3 ounces
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Dylan Varenchik (3)	3 pounds, 5.5 ounces
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Lucas Abbamonto (3)	2 pounds, 6 ounces
	Briella Le (4)	2 pounds, 6 ounces

### 5 and 6 Year Old Division

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Garrett Diuco (6)	5 pounds, 4 ounces
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Alexa Corrao (6)	3 pounds, 9.5 ounces
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Travis Stotts (6)	3 pounds, 1.5 ounces



### 7 and 8 Year Old Division

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Jade Rambert (7)	3 pounds, 2 ounces
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Vincent Vito (7)	2 pounds, 8.5 ounces
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Luke Molinari (8)	1 pound, 6 ounces

### 9 and 10 Year Old Division

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Cole Darland (9)	3 pounds, 4.3 ounces
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Nate Michel (9)	3 pounds, 3.5 ounces
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Summer Rios (9)	3 pounds, 0 ounces

## LMV FISHING CLUB NEWS

### There is Still Time for Competition and Camaraderie Before the Trout Dive Deep

The Fishing Club has had another busy year with three tournaments already completed. Fishing has been excellent during the first three months of the season. The combination of beautiful rainbow trout - from Chaulk Mound Trout Ranch in Bridgeport, Nebraska, supplemented by stocks of Lassen Trout from northern California - has resulted in some great opportunities for LMV anglers to land a limit of tasty trout.

Fishing conditions on the lake have been exceptional since the Trout Opener on November 21. The trout have been biting very well across the shallow areas of the lake. Always optimistic, LMV anglers are making plans to chase these big fish during the month of March. Tournament fishing competitive and will take place twice during the month. For tourney details, see below.

### MARCH FISHING CLUB ACTIVITIES

The monthly meeting of the Fishing Club will be held on Wednesday March 10 at 7 p.m. in the Lake Administration building. We will be wrapping up the season and talking about the spring bass fishing here at the lake.

There are two Trout Tournaments scheduled in March:

**Saturday March 13**      **6 -11 a.m.**  
Monthly Tournament

**Saturday, March 27**      **6 -11 a.m.**  
Angler of the Year  
Lures Only Trout Tournament

#### Fees:

Adults (18 and over)	\$5.00
Teens (12-17)	\$5.00
Kids (11 and Under)	\$4.00

### MARCH TROUT STOCKS

There is still time left in the season to get in on all the fun of trout fishing at LMV. The stocking schedule for March includes one plant of trout sometime around March 9 -11. The exact timing depends upon delivery schedule from the Mt. Lassen Trout Hatchery.

## Protecting LMV's Bass is Vital for Future Generations

Since the first stocking of bass into LMV more than 30 years ago, the Board of Directors and staff have taken great pride in the sport the largemouth brings to these waters. To that end, every spring, from March 1 to June 1, Lake Mission Viejo rules require anglers to immediately release all bass to the place where they are caught. This annual program ensures that any spawning or nest-protection by the bass will continue and replenishment of our bass fishery will thrive. This "bass spawn" creates some world class sport fishing for giant bass right here in Mission Viejo!

Please note that there is a "slot limit" of 12 to 20 inches for taking bass the rest of the year. Anglers are encouraged to release all bass caught, but for

those who enjoy eating LMV bass, the "slot-sized bass" may be taken home. All bass smaller than 12 inches must be released so that they might grow to spawn at least once. Bass longer than 20 inches must be released so they may continue to spawn and grow to the trophy sizes LMV is famous for producing.

Further information about the renowned bass fishery of LMV can be obtained by calling Lake Biologist Tom Buckowski, at 770-1313, ext. 235. Tom is an expert on the LMV fishery and carefully looks after his favorite pet -- the Legendary Largemouth of LMVA. The biggest bass know him by his first name, and if you fish for the bass here, then you should too.



### Boaters: You Are Part of the Solution!

## LMVA Continues Its Aggressive Fight Against the Threat of the Quagga & Zebra Mussels

Lake Mission Viejo Association has taken action to protect Lake Mission Viejo from the invasive Quagga Mussel and is asking for cooperation from all our boating members. Species of freshwater mussels from Eastern Europe (commonly known as Quagga and Zebra Mussels) were transported into the Great Lakes region of the U.S. in the late 1980s. Early in 2007 they were found in the Colorado River and by late 2007 they spread to a number of reservoirs throughout Southern California.

### The problems with the Quagga and Zebra mussels are basically two-fold:

1) The prolific nature of these one-inch mussels is such that they can colonize lake substrates at densities of up to 700,000 per square meter. For lakefront properties, this means that docks and boats could become fouled similar to how ocean barnacles attach themselves to surfaces. This could translate to higher maintenance costs for property owners.

2) Ecologically, mussels are filter-feeders that consume plankton, the base of the food web. The mussels' abundance has been known to significantly compromise fisheries. At LMV, where we already enjoy clear waters and low plankton levels, our fishery would noticeably be impacted if these mussels took over. LMVA has been on high alert for the invasive Quagga mussel for more than two years. To date more than 3,800 boats have been tagged by LMV staff. Rigorous boat inspections and quarantines are encouraged by our Board of Directors as it recognizes the importance of protecting our Lake from these destructive invaders. The Finisterra boat ramp has been permanently closed and all boats must be certified to launch through our North Beach Marina inspection site. We use a system of inspections and tagging that renders boats inoperable until the quarantine tag is broken. Boats without quarantine tags will not be allowed to launch. Also, never release any foreign waters or aquatic "pets" into the Lake.

### How Can Boat Owners Help?

The first step in having a boat certified for Lake use is to register it through our membership office. Proof of current liability insurance for the boat is required. Liability coverage for bodily injury and property damage must equal or surpass \$300,000; LMVA must be listed as an "additional insured" or "certificate holder"; and there must be a brief description of the specific boat (i.e., 18' rowboat).

The next step is to have the boat inspected and yellow-tagged for 30 days. (If one chooses to launch the boat into any other waters during the quarantine, the tag will need to be broken and the 30-day LMV quarantine will need to restart with the replacement of a new yellow tag.) After quarantine period is over, the boat will be re-inspected before its initial launch. Upon exiting the Lake, it is the member's responsibility to have the boat re-tagged by LMV staff. This time a green tag will be issued that allows immediate launching into LMV (see photo below). Any evidence of tag modification to bypass our quarantine protective measures will result in the loss of boating privileges on LMV.

We are proud that Lake Mission Viejo remains a high quality ecosystem and mussel free. This requires the cooperation of everyone who uses it to protect it. Thank you for your cooperation.



## LMV Yacht Club Soars into 2010 as Veteran Members Honor Junior Sailors Who Represent the Future of the Organization

The 2010 Yacht Club season got off to flying start on January 17 with a gala Officers Installation and Awards dinner at Arroyo Trabuco Golf Club in Mission Viejo. Yacht Club members enthusiastically welcomed the new members of the board who were elected in November at our Annual General Meeting. They are already hard at work implementing the planned sailing and socializing schedule.

Commodore:	Randy Tiffany
Vice Commodore:	Peter Tietz
Rear Commodore:	Ed Rodriguez
Jr. Staff Commodore:	Morrie Willkie
Secretary:	Theresa Buchman
Treasurer:	Willi Hugelshofer
Race Chairs:	Rod Simenz & Michelle Asay
Communications Chair:	S/C Arnold Christensen
Hospitality Chairs:	Karin Bennett & Susan Marshall
Port Captain:	Dominic Trevino

Other Board members are: Quartermaster, Frank Roberts; Website, Roger Robison; Newsletter, Jack McCollum; Trophy Chair, Robert VanPelt; Measurer, Horst Weiler; Club Photographer, Mia Ishikawa.

Sailing awards were presented to the overall winners in our many fleets. The winner of the LMVYC Junior Sailor of the Year award was Luke Zettler (right), a member of the junior racing team. The team was formed in 2009 and plans are to recruit additional junior members and expand the racing schedule in 2010. Team members receive free sailing lessons, race training, and use of Club boats. Boys and girls, ages 9 to 14, who are members of LMVA are invited to try out for the team.



The first sailing event of the year, the Tune-Up Regatta on January 24, helped to get rid of the cobwebs from sails and sailors alike! Then in quick order it was time for the prestigious Southern California Yachting Association Mid-Winter Regatta on February 20. Guest boats were not allowed again this year because of the Quagga mussel boat quarantine. Competitors from other yacht clubs were invited to compete in the Club's Balboa 13 and Sabot fleets. Members sailed in their own boats or LMV's Capri14.2s in a Portsmouth handicap class.

LMVYC's official Opening Day, on March 28 this year, will be the most festive day of our yachting schedule. All the flags will be flying as we honor this worldwide yacht club tradition. Opening Day ceremonies include the formal raising of all the Club's officers' flags, greeting visiting dignitaries and a few speeches, followed by great food at the Commodore's Brunch after the ceremonies. Then, with what energy we can muster, we round off the day with the Opening Day Regatta.

Membership in the Yacht Club is open to all LMVA members. We offer free sailing lessons with each new membership to anyone interested in learning to sail and becoming part of this great LMV activity. For further information please email the Yacht Club Secretary at [lmvycsecretary@cox.net](mailto:lmvycsecretary@cox.net) or call 949-916-2469.

## HOURS OF OPERATION

### PLAYA DEL NORTE

8 a.m. - 10 p.m. Mon - Fri  
 6 a.m. - 10 p.m. Sat - Sun

### PLAYA DEL ESTE

Closed for Winter Season

### MARKET ON THE LAKE DOCK

8 a.m. - 10 p.m. Daily  
 Requires Access Card

### SNACK BARS

North Beach Snack Bar  
 Open Weekends beginning Sat, May 29

### MEMBERSHIP/ BILLING OFFICE

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Daily

### RECREATION OFFICE

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Daily

### TACKLE BOX/BOAT RENTALS

Beginning March 6:  
 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Mon - Fri  
 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sat - Sun  
 Last Boat Rented at 5 p.m.  
 Due in at 6 p.m.

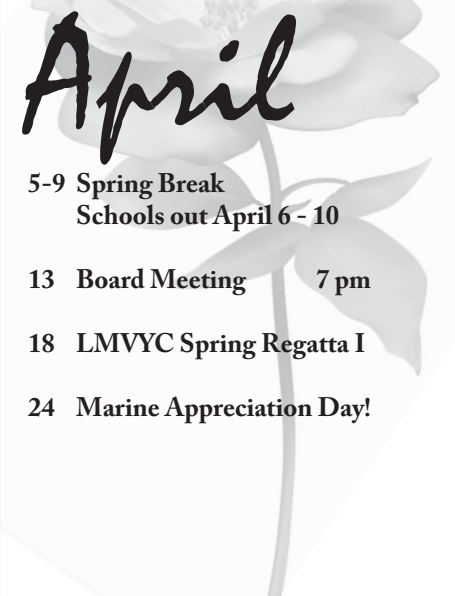
Beginning April 3  
 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Mon - Fri  
 6 a.m. - 7 p.m. Sat - Sun  
 Last Boat Rented at 6 p.m.  
 Due in at 7 p.m.

### BEACH BAG GIFT SHOP

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Daily

## MARCH

- 9 Board Meeting 7 pm
- 10 Fishing Club Mtg. 7 pm
- 11 Fish Stocking  
Lake Closed to Fishing
- 13 Trout Tournament 6 - 11 am
- 27 Angler of the Year  
Lures Only Fishing Club  
Tournament 6 - 11 a.m.
- 28 LMVYC Opening Day Regatta
- 31 LMVYC Wednesday Sunset  
Sailing Begins



- 5-9 Spring Break  
Schools out April 6 - 10
- 13 Board Meeting 7 pm
- 18 LMVYC Spring Regatta I
- 24 Marine Appreciation Day!

## Your LMVA Identification Badge: Don't Leave Home Without It!

Having fun at the Lake all begins when you "show off" your LMVA membership picture ID badge. Not only does this special card allow you access into the facilities and the boat rental station, it also serves as your fishing license. LMVA's picture ID badge references both the property as well as the individual through a barcode system, and is issued to all members eight years and older. Other important uses include concert lottery access and security identification.

All members are required to show their membership badges when entering the facilities. If you arrive at the entry gate without it, you will be turned away. A member who has lost or misplaced his/her badge, but has other identification proving residency (i.e. driver's license) can purchase a temporary pass for \$10 at the gate. This pass is good for seven days and can be exchanged for a new badge (if your old one is lost) at the Membership Office. If you know the whereabouts of your original badge and bring it back to the Membership Office within seven days, you can obtain a refund of the price of the temporary pass.

Please help our staff keep your LMVA property safe and secure. Make sure you always have your membership badge readily available when approaching the friendly staff at the LMVA entry gates.

Thanks for your cooperation.