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Environment

Country Club Operating 'Green'

The Lake Arrowhead Country Club (LACC) is advancing its "green" efforts by converting the former fresh water pool to salt water before its opening over Memorial Day weekend.

"A saltwater pool uses much less of the caustic chemical, chlorine, which ultimately evaporates into the atmosphere," LACC announced. "It does this through the use of a salt chlorine

generator. Instead of adding chlorine to the water, salt is added and converted to chlorine."

LACC assures swimmers that the salt water is not nearly as distasteful as ocean water, and is actually quite mild, containing about 1/10th the level of salt in ocean water. "It is much like a teardrop. Advantages of a salt water pool are that it is gentle on the skin and eyes, there is no chlorine smell, and it is also better for the hair and reduces bleaching of swimwear."



For many years LACC has been using reclaimed water for the golf course and landscape, in order to avoid using the critical fresh water supply on the mountain. The reclaimed water provides a high nutrient content to the grass and plants, and ultimately filters cleaner purified water to the water table. The use of reclaimed water and converting the pool to salt water are key components of LACC's efforts to be "the best neighbors to the mountain community."

Seat Belt Enforcement this Weekend

As the unofficial start of summer, Memorial distracted drivers and those who are impaired by Day weekend is a busy time on California roadways. To segue into summer safely, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) announced in a press release that it will conduct a Maximum Enforcement Period (MEP).

Seat belt usage is the focus of the Memorial Day MEP, which will run from 6 p.m. on May 25 to midnight May 28. During the MEP, CHP officers will educate motorists and enforce traffic safety laws throughout the state to help ensure a safe holiday. Officers also will be watching carefully for

drugs or alcohol.

"It only takes two seconds to buckle up," said CHP Commissioner Warren Stanley. "Wearing a seat belt is such a simple task to keep you and your passengers safe. Remember, it is also the law."

During the 2016 and 2017 Memorial Day MEPs, approximately 70 percent of the vehicle occupants who died in CHP jurisdictions were not wearing seat belts. A total of 45 people died statewide in Memorial Day MEP collisions in 2017; 39 during the period in 2016. During those same MEPs, there were 921 arrests in California for driving under the influence in 2017, 1,065 in 2016.

Motorists are reminded to protect child passengers by placing them in age-appropriate restraint devices, whether a safety seat or booster seat. The law requires that children under the age of eight ride in the back seat and that a child under age two is secured in a rear-facing child passenger

In addition to the MEP, the CHP will take part in the nationwide "Click It or Ticket" campaign led by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), which will emphasize seat belt use from May 21 through June 3. On a national level, nearly half the passenger vehicle occupants killed in collisions in 2016 were not wearing seat belts, NHTSA reports.

In the interest of motorist education, Commissioner Stanley also remitnds everyone of the dangers of distracted and impaired driving. "Too many lives are lost every year due to preventable acts," he said. "Law enforcement personnel see the tragic consequences too frequently of not buckling up, or of driving distracted or impaired. These are all avoidable."

The mission of the California Highway Patrol is to provide the highest level of Safety, Service and Security.

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Aviation Division Rescues Rattlesnake Bite Victim

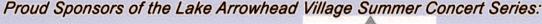
A resident of Running Springs was hoisted by helicopter from a remote mountain area and rushed to a trauma center for immediate treatment of a rattlesnake bite on May 19.

Andrew Basile, 46, was hiking with his family at the Fisherman's Campground area near Lake Arrowhead. While walking near their campsite around 3 p.m., he inadvertently stepped on a rattlesnake. Basile attempted to get away from the snake but was unable to avoid being bitten. His family immediately called

9-1-1 and requested assistance.

The dispatcher sent medical personnel along with Sheriff's Air Rescue 07, since the area is remote and in steep mountain terrain. The crew of Air Rescue 07 arrived and determined that a hoist rescue would be required, due to the location and Basile's injuries. Basile was hoisted into the helicopter and flown to a nearby trauma center with non-life-threatening injuries.













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