

# Bolinas Hearsay News

Monday, March 31, 2014

50 cents



Puddle Play in the Plaza. Photo by Curly Rigg.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

Tuesday, April 1

### APRIL FOOL'S DAY

Watch for tricks.

### BCPUD

Meeting of the Finance Committee, 270 Elm Rd, 10am

Wednesday, April 2

### ICE-CREAM PARLOR NIGHT

Full ice-cream menu debut @ Bobolicious, 5-8pm.

Music by the OMGs @ 6:30pm.

Thursday, April 3

### JOHN, ALEX & KARMEN

Live singer-songwriters @ Smiley's, 8:30pm.

Friday, April 4

### LAGOON RESTORATION WORKDAY

Volunteers meet @ dock on Wharf Rd, 10am-2pm

### MICHAEL PINKHAM

Live jazz @ Smiley's, 9pm, cover.

Saturday April 5

### DAVID ARORA

Mushroom expert's presentation @ Toby's Feed Barn, Pt Reyes, 5:30pm.

### TRI TIP TRIO

Live zydeco music @ Smiley's, 9:30pm. Cover.

### STINSON PRESCHOOL AUCTION/DINNER

Music (Just Friends), dinner (Barbary Coast Bistro), auction, oysters & more, a Benefit for the pre-school, @ Stinson Beach Community Center, 5:30

Monday April 7

### ROADSIDE CINEMA

Featuring the film "Two Years at Sea" by Ben Rivers. At the Gospel Flat Farm Stand 8pm \$5

Tuesday, April 8

### MUSIC: SiLM & HALF SHADOW

Musicians from the Pacific Northwest @ Farmstand Artspace, 7pm.

### SCHOOL DISTRICT (BCUSD)

Regular monthly meeting of the Board, in Bolinas campus library, 6pm

## HAPPY HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 31:

John Ridella  
Bob Demmerle

April 2:

Ed Dorn  
Odessa Rhine

April 3:

Michael Wolfe  
Ru Axel Bradford-Ebey  
Don Boekelheide  
David Ainley

April 4:

Bill Quist  
Sonya Amoroso  
Deborah Kasel  
Chris Fontan  
Diana Palomares  
Lourdes Mora-Lopez  
Estella Mora-Lopez

April 5:

T. Molly Patterson  
Amal Nasra

April 6:

Matthew Freeman

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Ned Riley  
June McAdams  
Jennie Pfeiffer



**LIVE MUSIC AT THE BEACH**

**Fri., Sat. & Sun Nites APRIL**

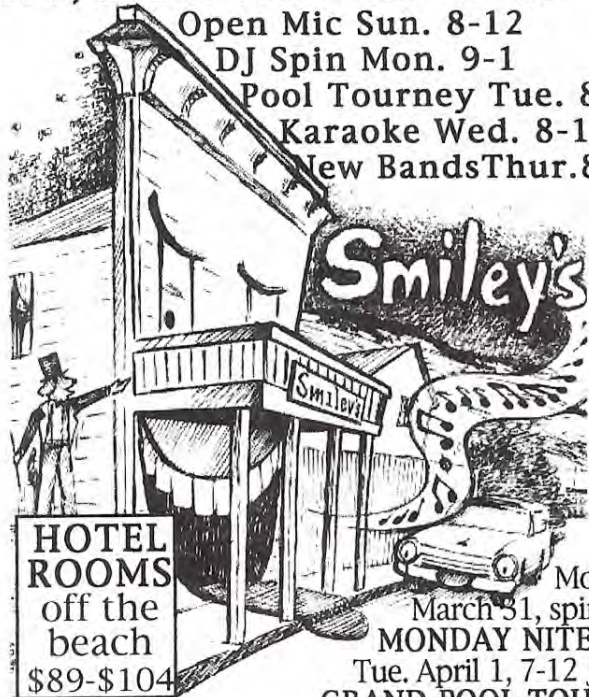
Open Mic Sun. 8-12

DJ Spin Mon. 9-1

Pool Tourney Tue. 8-12

Karaoke Wed. 8-12:30

New Bands Thur. 8-12



**HOTEL ROOMS**  
off the beach  
\$89-\$104

**Smiley's**

Monday, March 31, spin, 9-1, **MONDAY NITE LIVE**  
Tue. April 1, 7-12 Jesse's **GRAND POOL TOURNEY**  
Wed. April 2, 8-12:30, **LARRY'S KARAOKE**  
Thurs. April 3, Songwriters, **JOHN, ALEX & KARMEN**

Fri. April 4, 9-1 **MICHAEL PINKIM JAZZ!**

Sat. April 5, Zydeco, 9-1, **TRI TIP TRIO**

Sun., April 6, 8-12:30 **OPEN MIC w/Diane**

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Tue. April 8, 7-12 Jesse's **GRAND POOL TOURNEY**

Wed. April 9, 8-12:30, **LARRY'S KARAOKE**

Thurs. April 10, 9-1, rock, **Z & THE BENDERS**

Fri. April 11, rock, blues 9-1 **LINDA FERRO BAND**

Sat. April 12, Zydeco, 9-1, blues **THE HIGH TIDE**

Sun, April 13, **OPEN MIC w/Emily**

Monday, April 13, spin, 9-1, **MONDAY NITE LIVE**

**SMILEY'S SCHOONER SALOON & HOTEL**  
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**THE BOBS**

...a musical equivalent of a Gary Laursen drawing..." —Seattle Times

A band without instruments?! The Bobs (prat)fall outside a cappella traditions, landing in a hot tub of humor and vocal prowess. What other band can headline the American Songbook series, open for Frank Zappa and The Dead, and perform for 700 million people on the Emmy Awards? Matthew Stull and Gunnar Madsen founded The Bobs in 1981 in Berkeley and were quickly joined by bass singer Richard Greene and über-alto Janie Scott. They performed in the San Francisco area until a 1984 Grammy nomination for their unique vocal cover of the Beatles' "Helter Skelter" catapulted them into a national and international tour schedule.

**Saturday, April 5, 8 PM.**

**Tickets: \$26 general, \$24 senior, \$11 youth**

**A BENEFIT FOR ALL ONE OCEAN**

Join former long-time Inverness resident Hallie Austen Iglehart's efforts to spread user-friendly Beach Clean Up Stations, now at PRNS, to every beach everywhere! Performances by Kim Rosen, Barbara Borden, Lucia Comnes, Sophie Rox, Sheilah Glover, and others.

**Sunday, April 6, 4 PM**

**Tickets: \$20 general, \$15 students & seniors**

**TEEN DANCE AT THE DANCE PALACE**

Come on out to the Dance Palace and get your groove on at the best teen dance in West Marin for grades six to eight. Featuring a professional disc jockey, fantastic lighting and great sound. Signed permission slips required.

**Friday, April 18, 7:30-10 PM**

**Tickets: \$6 at the door**

**BLAINE SPROUSE AND FRIENDS**

"If You're Gonna Play In Texas (You Gotta Have a Fiddle in the Band)" proclaims the 1984 Billboard Hot Country Single #1 song. So who did supergroup Alabama call upon to fiddle the memorable chart topper and the entire "Roll On" album? Blaine Sprouse. Also a gifted mandolin and guitar player, Sprouse is at home in bluegrass, blues, swing, jazz, and folk. With his return to the stage, Blaine's heart is answering the fiddler's call. As he stated in a Frets Magazine profile, "Music is my life. I just love to play."

**Saturday, April 19, 8 PM**

**Tickets: \$20 general, \$18 seniors, \$10 youth**

**Smiley's**

**POOL TOURNAMENT**

Every Tues. Night, 7:30 pm

1st Prize \$75-\$100

2nd Prize \$25

3rd Prize Smiley's Cash

\$5 buyin

41 Wharf Rd. 868-1311





## Go to Health: Jimmy Carter's new book on Violence Against Women

"Yet although economic disparity is a great and growing problem, I have become convinced that *the most serious and unaddressed worldwide challenge is the deprivation and abuse of women and girls*, largely caused by a false interpretation of carefully selected religious texts and a growing tolerance of violence and warfare, unfortunately following the example set during my lifetime by the United States." These are the words of Jimmy Carter in the introduction to his new book *A Call to Action: Women, Religion, Violence and Power*. Carter states that the Bible, the Koran and other cherished texts proclaim a commitment to justice and mercy, and equality of treatment between men and women. However, "some selected scriptures are interpreted, almost exclusively by powerful male leaders within the Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist and other faiths, to proclaim the lower status of women and girls." He goes on to say that these claims are used to justify gross and sustained acts of discrimination and violence against women, including unpunished rape and other sexual abuse, infanticide of newborn girls and gender selective abortion of female fetuses, a worldwide trafficking of women and girls, honor killings, genital mutilation, lower pay and fewer promotions for women and greater political advantages for men.

Because the Carter Center has worked to combat neglected tropical diseases throughout the world, its people have interacted with remote communities in some 70 developing countries. They have seen how religious beliefs and violence have impacted the lives of women in patriarchal societies. "Almost everywhere, we find that women are relegated to secondary positions of influence and authority within a community but almost always do most of the work and prove to be the key participants in any successful project.

When there is a shortage of food or limited access to education, the men and boys have the first priority.....when a civil conflict erupts, women are the primary victims of bombs and missiles, the displaced adults in charge of children, and the victims of rape. Beyond all this are the special biases that

come from the distortion of religious beliefs and the imposition of discriminatory tribal customs that lead to honor killings, genital cutting, or child marriage."

You have probably read enough to make you decide that you must read this book, or you can't stand any more. I found the book disturbing and hopeful, because President Carter and The Carter Center have not only discussed an array of terrible problems but have suggested helpful, local approaches. In subsequent columns I will write about their approach to genital cutting, child marriage and dowry deaths, and sexual slavery and prostitution (including what goes on in the Bay Area). For now, think about your religion or spiritual path following an egalitarian mother-father God, or moving beyond humans to embrace all living things. Whatever is best for you.

For a complete change of pace - here's what the Point Reyes Light (3/27/14) reported about alcohol use in Marin from 'available data'. Nearly one-quarter of the county's adults reported binge drinking in the past month. The county has averaged 32 deaths annually from drug overdoses in recent years - mostly from prescription drugs. Nearly half the county's 11th graders drink alcohol and one-third binge drink. A new program to deal with teen drug and alcohol problems is being developed at the San Geronimo Valley Community Center. A meeting in Bolinas will take place on May 13th, 9:30-11:30 am. Watch the Hearsay for more information. Sadja Greenwood past columns at [sadjascolumns.blogspot.com](http://sadjascolumns.blogspot.com)



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The Rise and Shine Show  
Tuesday morning – 8-9 a.m.  
on community RADIO KWMR – 89.9 in Bolinas

Tune in to The Rise and Show Show with Mary Siedman and Amber Distasi as we interview **BOBBY BRUCE** recent inductee into the National Fiddlers Hall of Fame.

**THIS TUESDAY MORNING APRIL 1 – 8-9 a.m.**

*submitted by M. Siedman, 0477*

**Just a Little Dirty Trick**

The following is why there were few letters sent in to the BCPUD against growing human food in the sewage treatment plant- we were told by Jack Siedman, Board President, the meeting was put off until next month- April

Forwarded Message-----  
From: Beauxgardens@aol.com  
Sent: Mar 13, 2014 12:53 PM  
To: joang@earthlink.net  
Subject: Fwd: Farm Lease

*submitted by  
Jody Angel*

Hi Jody,  
Please read below that the BCPUD Board will not vote on the lease until the April meeting, due to an important issue relating to the treatment plant- see below. I am fine with that as it gives more time for community input.  
Janine

From: jsiedman@yahoo.com  
To: Beauxgardens@aol.com  
Sent: 3/13/2014 12:41:42 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time  
Subj: Re: Farm Lease

Janine,  
A meeting of the committee before the next BCPUD meeting on Wed is not realistic. Mickey's lease is being continued to the April meeting for reasons unrelated to to the lease, but due to separate compliance issues re State regulations of the treatment plant. We will get back to you and the committee once we've dealt with that issue.  
JACK SIEDMAN Attorney at Law



**VOLUNTEER**  
Kent Island Restoration Project



**Help Protect Bolinas Lagoon**

Kent Island is a unique place within an internationally treasured lagoon. This historic island has become anchored with invasive weeds, but you can make a difference by helping to restore it.

Join Marin County Parks and its partners and get hands-on experience in protecting critical habitat and restoring a part of Bolinas Lagoon.

The US Army Corps of Engineers is funding this project through its Estuary Habitat Restoration Program.

**How To Get Involved**

- Participate in a community volunteer day from 10am-2pm on the first Friday and third Saturday of every month between April and September (second Friday in July)
- Sign up for your own volunteer day with your office, school, or community group

Volunteers meet at the dock on Wharf Road, just past the Bolinas museum.

**For More Information and to RSVP**

Contact Tori Bohlen at [VBohlen@marincounty.org](mailto:VBohlen@marincounty.org) or Kate Bimrose at [KBimrose@farallones.org](mailto:KBimrose@farallones.org).

**BO-STIN COMMUNITY CHOIR**

Common Voice w/Tim Weed and Debbie Daly  
April 15 to May 20, Tuesdays 7:00-8:30pm  
Stinson Beach Community Center

Common Voice Choir began in Point Reyes in 2013 and is now starting a new Stinson-Bolinas group. The choir sings uplifting group songs, melodies and chants from around the world. New members and past participants are welcome to join. No music or singing experience is needed, and all voices are welcome. Dues: \$135 if paid by April 11, \$150 after. Visit [www.SingWestMarin.org](http://www.SingWestMarin.org) to hear music samples and to sign up online. Phone: 415-663-4018

The Weekender

Friday

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## PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE.

Stinson Beach Preschool on an early field trip to Slide Ranch, circa 1960.

18th Annual Dinner & Silent Auction

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS of STINSON BEACH PRESCHOOL

Dinner by Barbary Coast Bistro, Saturday, April 5th, 2014, 6pm to 10pm

Stinson Beach Community Center  
32 Belvedere Avenue, Stinson Beach, CA

For more information call 415.624.7160

stinsonbeachpreschool.org

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### Regular meetings in West Marin

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Transition West Marin	3rd Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Pt. Reyes Presb.
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## FOR SALE

**KAYAK: 2-SEAT, WILDERNESS SYSTEMS**  
"Pamlico" polyethylene, 14.5-ft, 60lbs Explore Bo Lagoon!  
Don - 2662

DS 3/28

**MARMOLEUM: MODERN LINOLEUM SHEET**  
flooring, all natural materials, variegated buff color, new at half price: 4.5'x 8' @\$70, 6' x 18.5' @ \$240; includes free roller loan.  
Don - 2662

DS 3/28

**DRY DRY DRY SEASONED FIREWOOD**  
Oak, Bay, Eucalyptus - Cut locally  
Gospel Flat Farm 868-0921

DMx

**Uniquities Variety - Thrift and Gift AND REALLY GOOD PET FOOD. Legos Abound!**  
An assortment of dog food is now half price.  
Regular hours are Noon to 5pm Daily - unless otherwise indicated on door. Come CHECK US OUT! 868-8886  
- Submitted by June McAdams

## WANTED

**I'M LOOKING FOR A LUMBER RACK THAT FITS**  
a 6' Toyota truck bed.call Geoff at 328-3731 Thanks

GE4/4

**PLEASE HELP ME GET OUT OF MY CAR**  
Seeking bike in good condition for dirt and paved roads. Also need futon couch. Thank you. P. Dake - 1195

PD 3/28

**FUTON COUCH, GOOD CONDITION AND REASONABLY PRICED WANTED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. PAM DAKE-1195**

PD 4/11



## LOST & FOUND

**LOST: A PAIR OF PLAIN GREY AIRWALK TENNIS shoes, size 8 1/2 - missing Tuesday evening - 3/25. Last seen on the BCC stage near kitchen stairs. BRAND NEW!**  
Please call Lucian 868-0473

LP 3/26

**FOUND: SUNDAY 3/9, A CELL PHONE IN A CASE**  
was found around Poplar and Yucca. Call and describe and have it returned. - 2800.

KB 3/12

**FOUND: KEY NEAR TENNIS COURTS**  
-0285

AB 3/14

**FOUND: FRI, JAN. 10 ON STAR ROUTE TRUCK SEAT -**  
a set of keys including car and P.O Box key. Belongs to someone who is a dog lover and black knife owner.  
Call -1658 to identify and claim

AL 1/13

**LOST: LICENSE PLATE (#5STW903)**  
somewhere on Poplar, or near People's Store or Post Office.  
If found please call -9950 Thanks

1/4/14

## CLASSES



### Weekly Schedule

#### Monday

Pilates w/Lisa Townsend (pre-register 868-0473) 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
Ninjitsu with Martin 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday

Yoga w/Lisa Brendel 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.  
Senior Stretch W/Anna Gottreich 11:00 - 12:00 p.m.  
Bo Babies & Toddlers Open Play Group (free) 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
Aerial Arts for Youth w/Joanna 3:30 - 5:45 p.m.

#### Wednesday

Pilates w/Lisa Townsend 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.  
After-School Theater w/ Lisa T. 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.  
Private Workshop w/ Nathan 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
Biblia en Español 8:00 - 9:30 p.m.

#### Thursday

Yoga w/Lisa Brendel 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.  
USDA food bank 12 noon  
Aerial Arts for Youth w/Joanna 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.  
Congoese Dance w/ Sandor 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

#### Friday

Pilates Mat Class w/Lisa Townsend 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.  
Adlts Contemp. Dnc w/Lisa T(workshop 3/14-3/21) 10:30 - 12:00 p.m.  
No Place Like Home (Free Brunch 4<sup>th</sup> Fri of Month) 10:30 - 11:30 p.m.

#### Saturday

Yoga w/ Lisa Brendel 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.  
Kids Hip-hop & Pop with Sagola (3/8-3/29) 11:00 - 11:40 a.m.  
Ballet w/ Erika Townsend 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

#### Sunday

Art w Heart/Whitney (kid & parent wrkshp 3/9-4/6) 9:30 - 10:20 a.m.  
Brazilian Dance with Anna 11:00 - 12:00 p.m.

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### 31 March

Luna

Roman festival of Luna,  
goddess of the full moon  
whose temple on the  
Aventine hill was the  
focus of worship on this  
day.



### 1 April

Kalends of April/All Fools' Day/Fortuna  
Virilis/Loki

**K** Today it is socially permissible  
to play tricks and practical  
jokes until noon. April 1 is the  
classic Festival of Fools, ruled over by  
the Norse trickster god Loki. It is also the  
Roman women's festival of Fortuna  
Virilis, seeking good relations with men and ruled over by Venus.



As the joker among customary festivals, All Fools' Day does not commence on the eve but at morning and only operates until midday. Apart from All Fools' Day, the beginning of April has few traditional festivals. The Celtic tree-calendar month of Fearn runs until 14 April. This is the Celtic tree letter of the alder, which signifies protection in times of conflict, stability in times of change. In the Norse calendar, Sommarsblót on 14 April marks the beginning of the summer half of the year, paralleled by Winter's Day (Vinternatsblót) on 14 October. Fearn is followed on 15 April by Saille, the willow month. This has the sacred color quality of "bright," and is connected with tidal energies, ruled by the moon. In the Goddess calendar, the month of Columbina runs until 17 April, the month dedicated to Maia following on 18 April. Passover and Easter are movable holy days that usually fall in April.

A birthstone adage for April concerns the diamond:

*She who from April dates her years  
Diamonds should wear lest bitter tears  
For vain repentance flow; this stone  
As emblem of innocence is known.*

Traditional country weather lore knows the April weather to be changeable: "April weather, rain and sunshine both together." Cold weather in April is supposed to be good for a bumper harvest:

*A cold April  
The barn will fill.*

This is reinforced by the sayings, "Rain in April will bring a good May," and "A wet April makes a dry June," but:

*If the first three days in April be foggy,  
Rain in June will make the lanes boggy.*

