

FOREST NEWS

The Magnificent Weather of Pebble Beach

- by Neal Hotelling

There is no denying that the weather at Pebble Beach, day in and day out, is the most enjoyable on the planet. It is rarely too warm, and rarely too cold. A century ago, the weather was promoted as a health benefit and that golf and other outdoor activities could be enjoyed every day of the year.

I've always argued that we get some of our best weather in the winter months, but it is also when we do get those occasional storms. When asked about the weather, Bing Crosby once said, "We certainly get plenty of it." Among the more unusual weather recorded at Pebble Beach was the snow that fell overnight and delayed the conclusion of the 1962 Crosby. The day before, ABC's Jim McKay had been talking about the mild 64° temperatures during the Saturday broadcast. On Sunday morning, he was interviewing Bing's brother Bob (Bing missed the tournament that year due to surgery) who commented, "Bing couldn't come, so he sent the weather." Bob Crosby later added, "We could be playing today, but the PGA doesn't have any rules for playing casual *hard* water."

In December 1993, over my disbelief, the Monterey Peninsula experienced its



The old 5th Hole of Pebble Beach Golf Links after the 1998 El Niño storm.

only recorded tornado. In my role as golf operations manager, we dealt with massive cleanup of downed trees, especially at Del Monte and Spyglass Hill golf courses. We followed up with several tree plantings.

When the February 1998 El Niño storm hit, I was director of corporate affairs and dealt with the insurance company over the devastation, including impacts to roads and golf courses as well as business interruption. That storm also delayed the conclusion of the annual Pro-Am. Two rounds were played before the storm hit Friday night. The combination of wind and rain was tremendous. Normally dry canyons became raging rivers. The backside of Pebble Beach Golf Links was cut off from the front. Raging waters ran through the canyon in front of the 15th tee taking out one of the key pine trees on the golf course. It continued through the canyon cutting through the old fifth hole and widened the canyon



The 15th Hole collapses, taking a large pine tree.

on its way to Stillwater Cove – which seemed misnamed that week. The pier was badly damaged by the high seas. The new sea wall on Hole No. 18 had thankfully been completed just a few months earlier and it held – the old one would likely have collapsed.

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Sandcastle Worms

Nature Notes from the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History

Our sandy shores and rocky tide pools hold an amazing diversity of marine invertebrate animals. One of the most interesting and important is the sandcastle worm (*Phragmatopoma californica*). You probably won't see the animal, but its architecture is hard to miss. Take a close look, because its building methods have inspired biomedical applications.

During a low or medium tide, search a rocky area for rigid ridges or tubes of sand. In some places there are so many that they form honeycomb-like reefs. A sandcastle worm has built and occupies every tube.

When receding tides uncover it, the animal closes its tube with a lid-like operculum. When water covers it again, the animal extends lavender tentacles out to catch drifting food particles and sand.

The sandcastle worm collects sand grains to form and repair its protective tube. For gluing the sand together, the animal produces a two-part adhesive that mixes like an epoxy when excreted.

Sandcastle worms are among the 15 rocky intertidal invertebrates monitored through the museum's LiMPETS program. [Photo credit: J. Maughn]



Researchers discovered that the two parts of the worms' glue have different proteins and side groups, which they have been able to duplicate. They suggest using it as a biomedical adhesive. Instead of having a fractured bone repaired with pins and screws, imagine making use of sandcastle worms' glue. - Annie Holdren

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Sunday, October 18

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

**Pebble Beach Community Services District
Community Room
Forest Lake and Lopez Roads, Pebble Beach**



Hosted by DMFPO

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It was clear the tournament could not be finished anytime soon. The amateur side of the tournament was canceled and the pros agreed to come back at a later date for a final-round. For the many people on the peninsula, getting away became the problem. The Monterey Peninsula area had become an island.

Highway One was washed out at the Carmel River to the south and it was flooded at Elkhorn Slough to the north; Highway 68 was flooded at the Salinas River. It was difficult for people to get in or out.

Cleanup in the Forest was made difficult with many roads being blocked by downed trees and power lines and others being washed out. Pescadero Canyon, which separates Del Monte Forest from Carmel, had so much water running through it that it washed out the road leading to the Carmel Gate. As the water cleared more damage was discovered. The road bank along the canyon gave way as the water receded and 17-Mile Drive had to be closed. Congress Road also washed out, as did a section of the coastal route near Spanish Bay. Getting around the Forest was difficult. The insurance adjuster couldn't get to where we were supposed to meet.



17-Mile Drive near Spanish Bay, 1998.



The water streaming from Pescadero Canyon (right) washed out the road near the Carmel entrance gate (above).

The governor declared a state of emergency activating the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to assist communities with cleanup efforts. As road repair costs at Pebble Beach mounted to more than three million dollars we reached out to FEMA, but because the roads in Del Monte Forest are private there was no FEMA assistance available. Cleanup and repairs took weeks, not just at Pebble Beach, but for all of the surrounding communities.

We survived and can look back at the many lessons learned. It is good to learn from our past. All key resort areas and business operations now have backup generators. The roadway engineering is improved, though nothing is infallible and now they are insured. The 1998 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am was finally completed in August; followed by a new rule that if a PGA TOUR event cannot complete within three days of schedule it will be canceled.

While we can't control the weather here, and thankfully have few complaints, it is always good to be prepared for when it is not as pleasant. As area meteorologists warn of this season's El Niño, consider keeping some extra food and water on hand...just in case. ☺

Construction is Expected to Begin Spring 2016:



The 100% designs for the Holman Highway 68/ Highway 1 Roundabout are in the engineering review phase, and the project is on-track to begin construction in March 2016 (after the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am).

Traffic Impacts:

Construction of the Roundabout will require the closure of certain lanes and roads, which will impact traffic circulation. The project team is developing alternate routes for travel that correspond with each stage of construction. Once the construction plans and alternate routes have been finalized, they will be presented at the November Del Monte Forest Property Owners Semi-Annual meeting and posted on the project website: <http://tamcmonterey.org/programs/roundabouts/hwy68rndabt.html>

How to Stay Informed During Construction:

There are many factors that can affect the construction schedule and that cannot be predicted in advance. To ensure the community receives up-to-date information on upcoming road closures and

traffic delays, the Holman Highway 68 Roundabout Public Outreach Team will provide project updates on a variety of communication platforms:

- Online:
Project Webpage – <http://tamcmonterey.org/programs/roundabouts/hwy68rndabt.html>
Construction Camera – beginning in March 2016, view the construction site in real-time (more information coming soon).
- Newspaper: Updates will be released to the local media throughout construction.
- Radio: Information about road closures and alternate routes will be reported on local radio stations (more information coming soon).
- Email Notifications: Receive up-to-date project and construction information via email. Sign-up online by going to the project webpage; or email the Public Outreach Manager, ariana@tamcmonterey.org

For more information on the Holman Highway 68 Roundabout and project videos please visit: <http://www.Tamcmonterey.org>. Or contact: Ariana Green, Public Outreach Manager – 831-775-4403, ariana@tamcmonterey.org

DMFPO Hosts Flu Shot Clinics



Flu Shot Clinics Open to the Public

Hosted by DMFPO at the Pebble Beach Community Services District
Forest Lake and Lopez Roads, Pebble Beach

Flu vaccine available to ages 2 and above

- \$35: Quadrivalent Flu Shot
- \$40: FluMist (nasal spray)
- High Dose (over age 65)- covered by Medicare

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- Tdap (tetanus/whooping cough) - \$70
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**Dates: Thursday, October 15, 2015
9 to 11 am**

**Thursday, November 5, 2015
10 am to Noon**

Central Coast Visiting
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For generations in the worlds of beatniks, golfers and surfers, one's antics and appearance have inspired some pretty kooky nicknames. Among the first surfers to challenge the waves of Pebble Beach was a character formerly known as 'Skunk Duck'. Today, in polite company this bird is called Surf Scoter. The black and white sartorial of this proud swimmer would explain its old moniker, but a closer look reveals more of its true charm, a white eye and orange-tipped bill are definitive.



A young male Surf Scoter "drops in" on a 4-ft wave near Bird Rock.

Seriously, the Surf Scoter floats and dives among the boldest ocean surfers of our coastal village — During Fall through Winter, spy them from Spanish Bay Beach and Pebble Beach to Fanshell Beach: Bring binoculars and get ready for some great action. If you're lucky, the scoter wave brigade will be joined by the Buffleheads (once "Butter-Balls")



Buffleheads checking-out the next set in a 3-ft swell at Pebble Beach.

wave-riders and pursuit divers (for shellfish) of their own renown. The Bufflehead, smallest of our ducks, also wears black and white plumage but with a wonderful iridescence of violet and greens.



A Surfbird watches the wave action from the safety of a tidal rock.

So much for names, as the Surfbird only watches the waves from safety of shoreline rocks and feeds near the water's edge but never jumps in.

Among human surfers, the idea is to paddle out past the white water to where the waves are formed; If about to be crunched by an incoming breaking wave, surfers will dive underneath the suds and pop out the other side, then to paddle on. And so do the Surf Scoter and Bufflehead plus their frequent accomplice, the Eared Grebe.

These birds were surfing our coast long before the first human wave-riders, three young men who happened to be Hawaiian princes and who in 1885, while studying at St. Matthews Episcopal School in San Mateo, carved and milled their boards from local redwood trees in the shape of traditional Hawaiian o'lo boards, a design reserved in the Islands traditionally for royalty.

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The first humans in California to follow in the wakes of 'Skunk Duck' and 'Butter Ball' were the Princes David Kawanānākoa, Edward Keliāhonui and Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole.



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DEL MONTE FOREST PROPERTY OWNERS Semiannual Meeting

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from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
at the Inn at Spanish Bay.

All 2015 DMFPO members are welcome to attend.
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