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## The Roads of Del Monte Forest - by Neal Hotelling

*"In planning the development of the Del Monte Forest, we first laid down a system of parks and bridle paths and roads which would forever protect the character of the region and make it possible for those who loved its natural beauty to travel freely in all directions over unspoiled territory. We have preserved the Del Monte Forest as a great natural park in which there are restricted areas where people may buy and live. All of the areas along the shore that are not heavily wooded we have used for golf courses or left completely untouched. The Seventeen Mile Drive of today still goes through wooded areas to open waterfronts; there are still herds of deer; the rocks are still covered with seal and cormorants. There is nothing to mar the beauty of the Drive."* So wrote Samuel F. B. Morse (1885-1969) in the mid-1940s, while first setting down his memoirs.

While Morse, who took charge of the area in 1915, deserves a lot of credit in this area, there were some roads in the forest before he arrived. The early owners of Rancho El Pescadero, Baretts (1839-1846), Romies (1846-1855), Gores (1855-1861) and Tompkins (1861-1862) utilized trails created by the early natives and expanded by the Spanish padres. So did the Chinese fisherman that leased land at Stillwater Cove in the 1860s and did their successors that remained until 1912 under Pacific Improvement Company (PICO) ownership.

PICO built Hotel Del Monte (now the Naval Postgraduate School) and bought the land comprising Del Monte Forest and Pacific Grove in 1880. Under the leadership of Charles Crocker, 17-Mile Drive was built, and opened in 1881.



Enjoying the ride through the Cypress along 17-Mile Drive, circa 1910

All photos courtesy of Pebble Beach Company Archives

It was a macadamized masterpiece that looped from the hotel, around the peninsula, and back to the hotel. In September 1880, U.S. President Hays took the road as far as Cypress Point on the section already completed. In 1891, President Harrison took the entire loop, stopping to buy shells as the road passed through the Chinese village at Stillwater Cove. The early 17-Mile Drive hugged the coastline from Pescadero Point eastward along the coves of Carmel Bay.

Crocker had roads built into the center of the forest in 1888 to accommodate construction and maintenance of the Forest Lake Reservoir, but greater development occurred in 1909 when PICO's general manager, A.D. Shepard built the initial log lodge and began a real estate development at Pebble Beach. When his plans for small lots expanded along the coast toward Carmel, the Chinese village was moved out.



Samuel F. B. Morse

Just 30 years old when he began developing Pebble Beach



A. D. Shepard

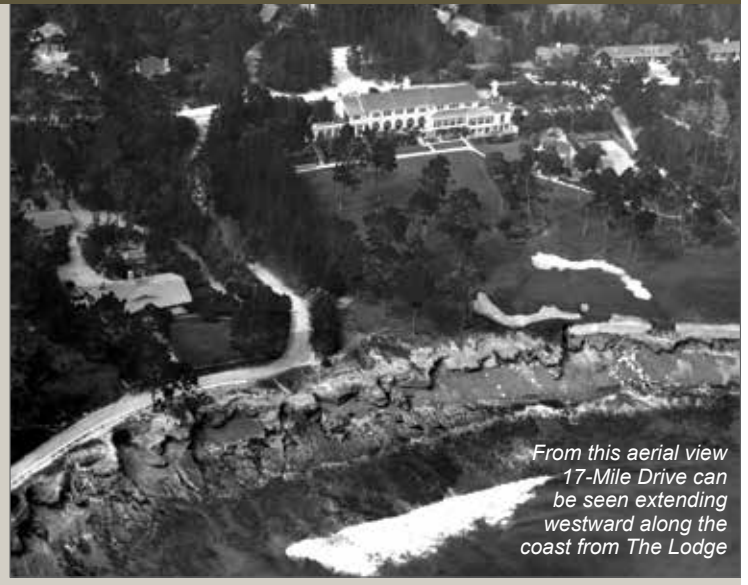
General Manager of PICO 1902-1915

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As cars replaced carriages, PICO built more roads for scenic enjoyment, expanding the old 17-Mile Drive to a 40-Mile Drive that extended into the heights of Del Monte Forest providing vista points at Huckleberry Hill and Shepard's Knoll – note the site was actually named for A.D. Shepard. The misspelling of Shepherds Knoll came later and stuck.


It was into this existing infrastructure that Morse arrived in 1915 to replace Shepard as general manager of PICO's holdings. While based in San Francisco, Morse enjoyed exploring the land on horseback, contemplating an expanded real estate development; one that would provide vistas for those building in the hills with limited deforestation, and accessed by winding roadways through the forest. He abandoned the development plan along the Pebble Beach coastline in favor of a golf course that would keep the coastline open. To accommodate the course, he moved the 17-Mile Drive route inland along that stretch.

After buying PICO's Monterey County holdings in 1919, Morse hired Mark Daniels as a landscape engineer to help design the residential roads, especially in the area of his first major project, the Monterey Peninsula Country Club, plans for which began in 1924. *"In studying the development of*



*From this aerial view  
17-Mile Drive can  
be seen extending  
westward along the  
coast from The Lodge*

*the Monterey Peninsula, with the very helpful assistance given me by Mark Daniels, the idea of the greenbelt unfolded just by applying common sense to the situation,"* wrote Morse. *"In certain places we have changed the roads to preserve important trees. The forest is not a place to drive through in a hurry. It is a place to take your time and enjoy the magnificent views and the natural state of the forest."*

Little in the records explains how the roads were named. Some (Forest Lodge Road, Bird Rock and Indian Village), were clearly named descriptively. Others (Stevenson, Sloat, Alvarado) were named for famous individuals from local history. Still others reflect the names of earlier trails (Ronda, Riata, Padre) developed in the Spanish/Mexican era. Around Spyglass Hill, like the holes on the course, many of the road names (Benbow, Silver, Bristol) have an association with the R.L. Stevenson novel *"Treasure Island."* What is clear, the roads did not just happen. Their locations, names and lack of straightaways were all carefully planned – and most under the guidance of Mr. Morse. 

*Scenic Boulevard – A 1912 motor  
enthusiast stops to admire the view of  
Monterey Bay from an early forest road.*



# DEL MONTE FOREST PROPERTY OWNERS

## Semiannual Meeting

**Sunday, May 21, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
**at the Inn at Spanish Bay Main Ballroom**

### Steven Webster: The Origins of the Monterey Bay Aquarium

Steven Webster retired in 2004 as Senior Marine Biologist at the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Steve received his AB (1961), MAT (1966) and PhD (1971) in biology, all from Stanford University. He taught invertebrate zoology at San Jose State University until 1978 when he and three friends began brainstorming the idea of a public aquarium on Cannery Row in Monterey, CA. He has been involved with the aquarium since its conception, first as Project Coordinator and then as Director of Education and Senior Marine Biologist. Steve continues to volunteer as an interpretive guide at the aquarium, and teaches Monterey Bay natural history classes for staff and volunteers.



*Photo courtesy of Monterey County Weekly  
Website June 2, 2016*



### The Role of the Del Monte Forest Conservancy

Board President, Suha Kilic will present information on the mission, vision and operations of the Conservancy and its stewardship of landmarks and open spaces in Pebble Beach.

### Hiking and Equestrian Trails in Pebble Beach

David Stivers, Executive Vice President, Pebble Beach Company

*This event is for 2017 DMFPO MEMBERS ONLY*

### Garage/Yard Sales in Del Monte Forest

A maximum of one sale per year per property is allowed

Importantly:

No signage at the gates is allowed

Vehicle parking may not hinder traffic or emergency access



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## Black Abalone Monitoring at Pescadero Point

In keeping with the Del Monte Forest Conservancy's mission statement to "include scientific research, study and education", we are happy to announce our continued relationship with the University of California at Santa Cruz in their intertidal monitoring of the threatened Black Abalone. Currently the only extant healthy population of Black Abalone in the US resides in Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Black Abalone is considered an endangered species due to loss of habitat, over fishing, poaching and of late, a wasting disease called withering syndrome. DMFC allows the researchers access to the protected intertidal area off Pescadero Point where public access is reserved for ecological maintenance and scientific study upon approval. This land was donated to DMFC in 1958 from the Paul I. Fagan family and the adjacent parcel in 1995 by the James J. Hill III family.

The researcher's methodology includes counting, measuring and checking for general health of the site's Black Abalone population. They also look for neighboring abalone, habitat quality and sea temperature. The local Pescadero Point population in 2012, numbered only 93 of the marine gastropod mollusks.

For more information about the study and/or the Multi-Agency Rocky Intertidal Network (MARINE), please refer to [www.pacificrockyintertidal.org](http://www.pacificrockyintertidal.org). The Monterey Bay Aquarium has a few black abalone to view that were captured from poachers. DMFC appreciates donations to help forward our conservation efforts. [www.delmonteforestconservancy.org](http://www.delmonteforestconservancy.org). - Karla Cristi



*Sampling black abalone monitoring plots at Pescadero Point.*



*Adult black abalone.*

*Photos courtesy of University of California Santa Cruz*

## DMFPO Hosting Sunday Afternoon Seminar April 9, 2017 - Monterey Pine Forest Ecology

On Sunday, April 9th from 2:00-4:00pm there will be a presentation at the PBCSD Community Room by Nicole Nedeff, Lecturer in the School of Natural Sciences at CSUMB and President of the Monterey Bay chapter of the California Native Plant Society. The presentation will be on Monterey Pine Forest Ecology. Following the presentation there will be a short hike in the forest behind the Pebble Beach Fire Station, so dress appropriately. Refreshments and light snacks will be available.



*Nicole Nedeff, M. A.  
Biogeography and Plant Ecology  
Riparian and Native Plant Ecologist*

Nicole Nedeff has sixteen years experience in Monterey County working with public agencies and private organizations to evaluate, inventory, preserve, restore and manage natural resources. She has extensive experience evaluating the impacts of stream flow and groundwater change on riparian/wetland vegetation. Nicole has expert understanding of riparian vegetation ecology and restoration techniques. She has a thorough understanding of regional geography, including geology, hydrology and cultural history. Nicole also has broad experience with rare plants, plant ecology, and wildlife in all habitats found in California.

## Holman Highway 68 Roundabout Project Update: What to expect in the next stage of construction

Construction of the Holman Highway 68 Roundabout is on its way to being completed by late summer of 2017. Overall the project is nearly 40% complete. As you drive through the intersection you can see the Roundabout starting to take shape.

Beginning in April, we will start building the section of Roundabout in front of the Highway 1 Gate. This will be the most impactful construction period for Del Monte Forest residents. Here's what you need to know.

No Left Turn Out of the Highway 1 Gate for a five week period.

- Highway One Gate entrance will remain open.
- Highway 1 Gate Exit will be Right Turn Only.
- To get to northbound Highway 1 or westbound Holman Hwy 68, all drivers will need to use another gate or the following detour route:

- Exit the Highway 1 Gate and turn right onto southbound Highway 1. Continue southbound and make a U-turn at Carpenter or Ocean Ave.
- Expect congestion on Highway 68 and throughout the intersection.

The project team will work closely with Del Monte Forest Property Owners, Pebble Beach Community Services District, and the Pebble Beach Company to place signage throughout the Forest to remind drivers of the detour.

Stay up to date on the project by signing up for email notifications, text message alerts, and by viewing the live construction camera at: <http://www.tamcmonterey.org/>

For further information you may also contact Grant Leonard, Transportation Agency for Monterey County: [grant@tamcmonterey.org](mailto:grant@tamcmonterey.org); 831-775-0903.





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**Be sure to check out the  
article on Roundabout  
lane closure & detour!**

Avoid using the Highway  
One Gate if at all possible  
through May.

*You can now submit your 2017 Membership Dues via the DMFPO website at <http://dmfpo.org>*



The 14th Annual “A Table Affair” entitled “A Salute to Service Dogs”, will take place on Thursday, May 4 in the Main Ballroom, The Inn at Spanish Bay. The event will be open to the public from 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

There is no admission fee and no reservations are required but donations are respectfully requested for this year’s beneficiaries, four non-profit service dog organizations, Canine Companions for Independence, Monterey County Search Dogs, National Disaster Search Dog Foundation and

Operation Freedom Paws. Representatives from each of the four organizations will be present to receive donations.

Fifty imaginatively designed table arrangements, created by both individuals and local non-profit organizations, will delight the eye. Enjoy complimentary light refreshments or a glass of wine from the no-host bar and tour the ballroom with friends while supporting four very worthy causes.

A special boutique named “Going to the Dogs” will feature items for sale including gourmet foods, restaurant gift certificates and some choice gift items. The proceeds from the sales at the boutique will be divided between the four beneficiaries.

To publicize “A Table Affair 2017” a no-host Cocktail/ Buffet party is planned for Thursday, April 27 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the Quarterdeck, Hermann Hall (previously the Drawing Room of the Del Monte Hotel) at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey.

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