

# Whatever Happened to Costume Parties?


- by Neal Hotelling

For most of the 20th century costume parties were a popular form of entertainment. Dozens have been held at Pebble Beach Resorts through the years, but in the 21st century they seem to have gone out of vogue. Perhaps, as we approach Halloween 2017, we can inspire their return in the modern era by looking back.

Setting the early standard for costume parties on the Monterey Peninsula was the Bal Masque – an annual event begun by the artists of the Carmel Art Association in 1934. The artists knew how to have a good time and the costumes were occasionally risqué.

Taking the concept to a new level, Salvador Dali hosted “A Night in the Surrealist Forest” at Hotel Del Monte in September 1941. Guests were encouraged to come dressed as their worst nightmare and the theme was carried out with outlandish decor and costumed entertainment.

In the last half of the 20th century, costume parties were held at The Lodge, at The Beach Club, at Monterey Peninsula Country Club, and even in private homes. Halloween was an obvious opportunity to party in costume, but it seemed any good excuse could lead to putting on a costume and partying ‘til dawn.

Some of the themed parties of the 1950s, such as “Feast of Kukulcan” and “Arabian Nights,” included original play performances. We include here for your inspiration several Julian P. Graham photographs from the Pebble Beach Company Lagorio Archives of parties past. May they inspire your parties this Halloween and throughout the year. 

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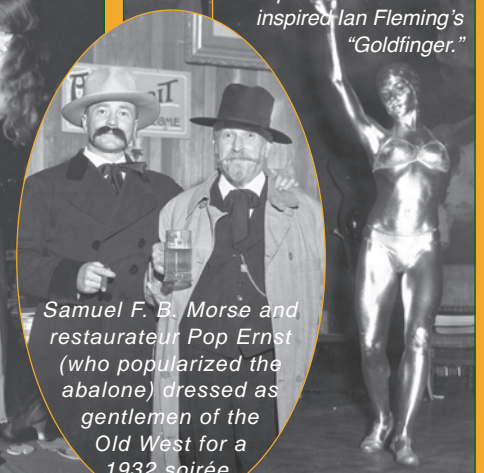
*Attendees costumed in tribute to Kukulcan at the December 1950 "Feast of Kukulcan" held at MPCC.*



*In July 1950, revelers dressed for "Carousel" at The Beach Club.*



*Table dancing at the 1935 "Bal Masque."*



*Samuel F. B. Morse and restaurateur Pop Ernst (who popularized the abalone) dressed as gentlemen of the Old West for a 1932 soirée.*



*Dancers entertained the Caliph at the 1951 Arabian Nights Party, that is until Scheherazade, portrayed by local actress Ruth Warshawsky (center), began telling her stories.*

(More photos on pages 2 & 3)



“Oh my gosh!” and “Isn’t that adorable!!” These are some of the enthusiastic comments we hear from visitors along our shores. The comments are quickly followed by “You live here? How lucky!” Indeed, we are so very lucky to be able to call Pebble Beach home. From the beautiful shore to the extensive forest, Pebble Beach is a nature lover’s paradise.

But going back to the adorable, visitors seeing for the first time a raft of sea otters marvel at their beauty. These animals have made a remarkable recovery from being hunted almost to extinction.



## Shore Thing

Story by Gina Gianfala  
Photos by Marge Brigadier

Sea Otter and Pup

It is very gratifying to stand by the ocean, in my blue “Bay Net” jacket and talk about the wildlife surrounding us. But what am I doing there on a Sunday morning with a spotting scope and binoculars? Bay Net is a program sponsored by the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Docents like me spend a couple of hours each week talking to visitors and residents alike. Pebble Beach is just one of many scenic locations along the Monterey Bay shoreline where you might find Bay Net docents. We truly enjoy sharing our knowledge of the environment.

One example of what we talk about is the need to maintain a safe distance from wildlife. Whenever an animal, whether a bird or a marine mammal, is disturbed that critter is burning precious energy. It is a tough life out there and the animals need all their resources to survive!

Some people think it is a good idea to give a snack to a seagull or a squirrel. Not so fast, human food is unhealthy and leads to dependence.

So, enjoy the wildlife from a safe distance and if you see me in a blue jacket do come by and say “hello.” - Gina Gianfala is a Pebble Beach resident and Bay Net volunteer



Harbor Seal and Pup

## Whatever Happened to Costume Parties? (Continued from page one)

Artistry was the theme of the 1934 Bal Masque, designed by local artists like Armin Hansen, Paul Whitman and August “Gus” Gay.



Monterey Peninsula Country Club was the setting for “Feast of Kukulkan” in December 1950. Attendees danced to celebrate the success of the pageant.



Is that Mr. Morse at left wearing earrings at the 1935 Bal Masque? Why yes!



Where but at a 1951 Comic Strip Party could Tonto and The Lone Ranger side up to the



In August 1950, Richard and Mary Osborne (the youngest daughter of S.F.B. Morse) dressed for the “Gentlemen Prefer Blondes” party.



Napoléon and Josephine made an appearance at an elaborate 1959 costume party hosted by John Boit Morse at the old log Macomber mansion that he called home for several years.







The Pebble Beach Community Services District was awarded the Transparency Certificate of Excellence at its July 28, 2017 board meeting. The District will be recognized for two full years for its transparency in areas such as finance and budgeting, code of ethics, conflict of interest statements, reimbursements, public records requests, and board and committee meeting protocols.

The Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF), a 501(c)(3) organization, was formed in 1999, providing educational opportunities for special district officials and employees to enhance service to the public. It is dedicated to excellence in local government. In an effort to provide special districts an opportunity to publicly showcase transparency in operations and governance, SDLF created the Transparency Certificate of Excellence Program.

Shining a light on all of the efforts the District has taken to be transparent engenders public trust and support, both of immeasurable value to a



From L to R: General Manager Mike Niccum; Director Jeffrey B. Froke; Chris Palmer, Directors Rick D. Verbanec, Richard B. Gebhart, Peter B. McKee; Deputy General Manager/CFO Suha Kilic  
Absent: Director Leo M. Laska

government organization. Chris Palmer, California Special Districts Association Public Affairs/Field Coordinator who presented the award on behalf of SDLF stated, "Only 5% of the 2,200 California special districts have received the Transparency Certificate of Excellence."

The District joins other local agencies in this important achievement: Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (2016-2018); Monterey Regional Waste Management District (2014-2018); and the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency (2015-2017).

In 1941, popular local couple, Mr. and Mrs. Eyre Pinkard, took Salvador Dali's invitation quite literally and came dressed as a nightmare – Hitler as a Roman centurion wearing an Uncle Sam hat – truly scary.



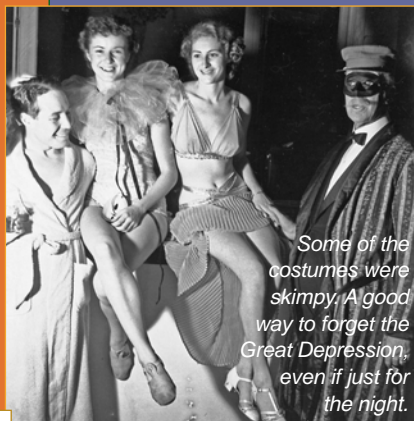
The Caliph's dancers at the 1951 Arabian Nights Party.



In 1950, The Beach Club hosted a variety of themed costume parties based on musicals. In July, revelers dressed for "South Pacific."



Hollywood actress Kim Novak attended The Beach Club Halloween Party 1966. Joel Thomas of Carmel was her frequent escort when enjoying time at her place down the coast.



Some of the costumes were skimpy. A good way to forget the Great Depression, even if just for the night.



Before the night was over at the 1934 Bal Masque, there was dancing on the tables.

## Efforts to Save Endangered Hickman's Potentilla in Del Monte Forest - by Karla Cristi



Hickman's potentilla (*Potentilla hickmanii*) is known from a total of five native populations: two in Mendocino County, two in San Mateo County, and a declining cluster of plants occurring within the Del Monte Forest. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) recommended to uphold endangered status for this species.

The Monterey population is located adjacent to Indian Village, owned and managed by the Del Monte Forest Conservancy (DMFC). Although the unique ecosystem of the Monterey Peninsula is an ideal place for the beautiful potentilla to thrive, a number of factors (not all human) have contributed to its decline.

In order to enhance its habitat and save it from extinction, DMFC has invested twenty years of efforts to create a protected area where a small number of precious plants currently live. The initial plan that included erecting a split rail fence and many hours of weeding aggressive non-native grasses that encroached habitat was not enough. At the beginning of the latest project there were only eight plants. The current

project, funded by a USFWS grant and donor support,

allows DMFC to combat above and below ground grazers (deer and gophers) by installing mesh wire around and below each plant. The caged area is large enough to provide a seed bed for generation.

Additionally, over one hundred seeds were gathered for storage or planting. Many propagated specimens will be planted this fall. The extensive effort was rewarded when approximately fifteen new seedlings were spotted within the Indian Village population.

Please take the time to see the Hickman's potentilla and interpretive sign at Indian Village. For more information, contact DMFC Forester, Bill Vaughan (831) 373-1293 who is heading the effort to restore and preserve the species.

Charitable contributions enable the Conservancy to fulfill its mission and conserve Del Monte Forest for current and future generations.

**[www.delmonteforestconservancy.org](http://www.delmonteforestconservancy.org)**



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# DEL MONTE FOREST PROPERTY OWNERS

## 2017 Membership Semiannual Meeting

**Sunday, November 12, 2017  
from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
at the Inn at Spanish Bay**

### The Historic Hotel Del Monte

*John Sanders is an historical storyteller whose colorful tales of the past offer contemporary relevance. During his career at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS), he introduced visiting dignitaries to the historic Hotel Del Monte, now the NPS campus, organized many programs to provide public access to the elegant hotel and established an archives to help preserve Del Monte's heritage. His current book, slated for publication next year, is titled An Illustrated View of Historic Hotel Del Monte.*



### Samuel F. B. Morse

*Charley Osborn will speak about his well-know grandfather, Samuel F. B. Morse, an artist who spent a lifetime painting his 20,000 acre canvas. If not for him, we could well have had a west coast Coney Island. Find out who this man was, and what drove him to stand between 11 square miles of beauty and any attempt to mar it.*

### Pebble Beach Company Projects

David Stivers, Executive Vice President, Pebble Beach Company

*Complimentary wine / beverage and refreshments will be provided after the presentation.*

A scam recently reported to the Sheriff's Office involves callers posing as Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) employees. "Spoofing" software is often used that enables the PG&E name and legitimate phone number to be displayed on Caller ID.

The phony PG&E employee warns that if the balance of a past due bill is not paid immediately, power will be shut off. In order to "take care of this immediately," the caller advises to go to a local Rite-Aid, CVS/Pharmacy or similar type store and purchase a Green Dot card. Green Dot cards are legitimate pre-paid debit cards. Unfortunately, they are also used by scammers to move money.



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The caller gives instructions to load the "past due" amount on the Green Dot card at check out. After allowing time to make the purchase, the scammer calls again to obtain the 14-digit security code on the purchased card, and then transfers the "past due" amount to their own Green Dot card account.

*Remember, PG&E mails at least one, if not several, past-due notices to customers before terminating service.*

If you're concerned about a call regarding a past-due bill, service request or a request for personal information, call PG&E at 1-800-743-5000.



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## Help Beautify Equestrian/ Hiking Trails

*Interested volunteers are invited to Trail Cleanup Days hosted by Pebble Beach Company and the DMFPO Trails Committee. Meet at 8:00am at the Pebble Beach Equestrian Center 3300 Portola Road the last Tuesday of each month. Call the DMFPO office to receive trail work information.*

*Don't miss the November 12 Semiannual meeting 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Ballroom, The Inn at Spanish Bay*

### DMFPO Hosts Flu Shot Clinics

## Two DMFPO Hosted Flu Shot Clinics Open to the Public

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

**Date: Thursday, October 5, 2017**  
**9:00 a.m. to Noon**



And now a clinic available during the Zombie Race  
at the Pebble Beach Company Corporation Yard

**Date: Saturday, October 21, 2017**  
**7:00 a.m. to Noon**

Flu vaccine available to ages 3 and above

- \$30: Quadrivalent Flu Shot
- High Dose (over age 65)- covered by Medicare

Other vaccines available:

- Tdap (tetanus/whooping cough) - \$70
- Pneumonia (over age 65) – covered by Medicare

Prevnar 13® or Pneumovax® 23vvr

Medicare Part B billing available - flu & pneumonia \*\*\***must present card at time of clinic**\*\*\*



See event details at  
<http://tinyurl.com/ZombieRace2017>

Central Coast Visiting Nurses Association Community Services

